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W. Europe increases war against terror

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Western Europe stepped up its war against terrorism this week as President Reagan warned terrorists to be "prepared for the consequences" if they committed "cowardly acts" against Americans.

A week after condemning the U.S. bombing of Libya, European nations that had been loath to crack down on terrorism were doing just that.

However, the Europeans were still not prepared to impose punitive economic sanctions, nor to consider military strikes, against Libya, options the Americans have already used.

For starters, the foreign ministers of the European Economic Community agreed to order reductions in the staff of Libyan embassies in their capitals.

The embassies, or People's Bureaus, have been known to serve as ammunition dumps and safe houses for Arab assassins.

By this week, more than 200 Libyan diplomats, students and journalists had been expelled from West Germany, France, Britain, and Denmark.

The Europeans also decided to increase their exchange of information on terrorism with the U.S. and other countries.

And according to reports, Italy and West Germany were seriously considering the possibility of establishing a commando force that could be used in future terrorist emergencies.

Meanwhile, France's new conservative government — which had rejected Washington's request that U.S. fighter-jets be allowed to fly over French territory on their way to bomb Tripoli and Benghazi — announced plans to combat terrorism.

France intends to introduce legislation making terrorism a crime and to expand its police force.

In the face of vague Libyan threats to take "appropriate measures" against Europe's political sanctions, the news leaked out that France and Italy had apparently been ready to act militarily in concert with the U.S.

The French and Italians, the most vocal opponents of the April 15 U.S. raid, had reportedly been prepared to support a major action designed to topple the regime headed by Muammar Qadaffi.

Qadaffi, still reeling from the bombing which destroyed and/or damaged his personal headquarters

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To avoid a cabinet crisis, Israel's justice minister and finance minister recently swapped jobs. They are shown here toasting their exchange of portfolios: at left, Yitzhak Modai who is now justice minister and Moshe Nissim, the new finance minister. One of Nissim's first major tasks is to deal with the Beisky Commission report (CJN April 23). [IPPA photo]

Report blasts system

Bank of Israel head resigns

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Moshe Mandelbaum, governor of the Bank of Israel, resigned last week in the wake of a scathing indictment of Israel's banking system by a commission set up to investigate the collapse of bank shares in 1983 (CJN April 23).

The commission, headed by Supreme Court Justice Chaim Beisky, recommended, among other things, that the governor of the Bank of Israel and the heads of the five largest commercial banks be made to resign within 30 days.

Mandelbaum had planned to leave office shortly as head of Israel's central bank, which plays a regulatory role similar to some ways to the Central Bank in Canada.

His early departure set off a search for a replacement and several names were mentioned as likely candidates. Finance Minister Moshe Nissim, who took over the Treasury only weeks ago, said he has his own choice but would not name him before consulting with Premier Shimon Peres and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, leader of Likud which is Nissim's party.

Among the possible replacements for Mandelbaum are Deputy Finance Minister Adi Amorai; Michael Bruno, a professor of economics; Emanuel Sharon, director-general of the finance ministry, and Moshe Zanbar, who was Mandelbaum's predecessor at the Bank of Israel.

The Bank Hapoalim is also looking for a replacement for its board chairman, Giora Gazit, who resigned last week. Its directorate and the directors of the Bank Leumi have been meeting to consider the Breisky commission report and possible replacement for other senior banking officials who may resign in the coming weeks. The Bank Hapoalim also released its annual report which showed profits up by 85% in 1985 compared to 1984.

The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, whose management was blasted by the Beisky Commission for failure to heed warnings of the market collapse three years ago, appeared to be unaffected by the report. Since it was released the prices of most shares rose by an average of about 1% and advances far outnumbered declines.

Meanwhile, the Knesset is embroiled in a heated debate over whether to pass legislation that would protect the banks from law suits by customers who, in light of the Beisky Commission's findings, could claim they were defrauded. The government is inclined to enact such laws to preserve the stability of the banking system.

Pope: Synagogue visit "emotional experience"

ROME (JTA) —

Pope John Paul II described his visit to Rome's main synagogue on April 13 at a "very deep" experience, "especially from a religious point of view."

In a television interview last week, the Pontiff, the first Pope in history to enter a Jewish house of worship, said, "It was a deep emotional experience to enter that place which at least ideally, brings us back to the times of St. Peter and the first Christians."

He said the visit "was made possible by the Second Vatican Council" more than 20 years ago and by its famous declaration "Nostra Aetate" (Our Times) in which the Catholic church repudiated Jewish guilt for the death of Jesus.

Airline decides to drop magazine

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Eastern Airlines says it will no longer make the magazine South available to its passengers as part of its in-flight library.

A complaint lodged with the airline by the American Jewish Congress charged the Arab-owned publication with being "devoted almost exclusively to maligning Israel and the United States."

A letter of reply from Donald F. Lohr, an Eastern official, said that the complaint from AJCongress and others "have convinced us to discontinue boarding this publication."

South, which calls itself The Third World Magazine, recently described Yasser Arafat as "one of the great freedom fighters of our time," according to AJCongress, which noted that Arafat personally had ordered the assassination of the U.S. ambassador to Sudan in 1973 as well as other terrorist acts.

Israel denies taking part in Iran arms sale plot

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Officials of the Israeli foreign ministry and the defence establishment categorically denied last week that Israel was in any way involved in a conspiracy to sell $2 billion worth of American arms to Iran, following the arrest by U.S. authorities of a retired Israel Defence Force general alleged to be one of the plotters.

Brig. Gen. Avraham Baram, 52, an IDF veteran of 30 years' service, was one of 17 men of six nationalities who were placed under arrest or had warrants issued against them in New York and Bermuda. Baram and four of the men were arrested in Bermuda where they allegedly flew to make final arrangements for the arms deal.

Also named in the plot were two other Israelis, Guri Eisenberg, 31 and Israel Eisenberg, 55, and a man who may be Israeli, identified only as Hebroni. Others seized or wanted on charges announced by federal prosecutor Rudolf Giuliani are of U.S., British, French, West German and Greek nationality.

Giuliani, the chief U.S. prosecutor for New York, said, however, that there is "no suggestion of involvement by the Israeli government" in the aborted arms deal, which he described as "mindboggling in scope."

The U.S. state department had no immediate comment. But a spokesman for the Israel embassy in Washington stated flatly that "the government of Israel has no connection or involvement with this matter." He described Baram as long retired from the IDF.

Menahem Meron, director-general of the defence ministry, called in the U.S. charge d'affaires after what he called an intensive investigation. He informed the American official that no link, direct or indirect, could be found suggesting that Israel was involved in the alleged plot.

According to Giuliani and U.S. customs officials, the accused men conspired to sell Iran several hundred F-4 and F-5 jet fighters, 15,000 TOW air-to-air missiles and scores of tanks as well as helicopters, long range artillery and C-130 military transport planes. They said the weapons were to be delivered in Greek ships and were presently stored in Israel and several other countries.

The implication that the plot involved the sale by Israel of combat aircraft and other weapons it acquired from the U.S. was described as "ludicrous" by well-informed sources here. The sources noted that the U.S. knows exactly how many American-built aircraft are in Israel's possession and about any that might be removed for the Israel Air Force order of battle. Moreover, Israel does not sell F-4s, has no F-5s and does not sell TOW missiles.

Even if Israel had sought to sell weapons to Iran, a country it regards as one of its most fanatical foes, it would hardly do so in the U.S., the sources said.

Israel has admitted selling Iran spare parts prior to the overthrow of the shah in 1979, and did so apparently with the knowledge and approval of the U.S.

Israel Radio described Gen. Baram as a twice-decorated officer cited for bravery. But he retired under a cloud for allegedly giving unauthorized weapons to civilians.

Last year, Baram received permission from the defence ministry to act as a private consultant on military supplies and knowhow. But he was precluded from dealing in arms or even negotiating arms deals without special permission.

Baram's arrest focused attention on the problem of senior IDF officers who have become arms dealers after retiring from active service. There is no legal way for Israel to control their activities abroad, even if they sully the country's reputation.

The U.S. has embargoed arms sales to Iran since the seizure of hostages at the American embassy in Teheran in November, 1979. Even if no embargo exists, the state department must approve arms sales to a foreign country.

Terror fears hurt El Al less

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

El Al, Israel's national airline, has sustained a 10% loss of American bookings to Europe and the Middle East because of the terrorist threat following the U.S. air strike against Libya on April 14. But it has suffered far less than other airlines which on the average have lost 35% of their bookings, according to El Al spokesman Nahman Kleiman.

He said the Israeli carrier benefited from media reports of its security measures, considered the most stringent of any airline. Many American tourists coming to Israel prefer direct flights to Tel Aviv offered by El Al. Other airlines require a change of planes in Europe.

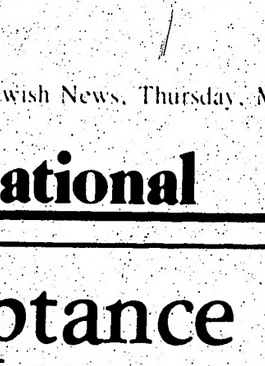
A spokesman for the ministry of tourism reported an increase of tourism to Israel from Europe. Traffic from West Germany increased by 4% in the first quarter of 1986 compared to the same period in 1985, he said. There has been a 6% rise from the United Kingdom, 4% from Switzerland and 27% from all of the Scandinavian countries.

World-National

Acceptance of pluralism can unite us

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A few weeks ago delegates from all over the world assembled in Toronto for the 23rd convention of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. It was the first time that such a convention was held on this side of the Atlantic ocean; all previous meetings of this 60-year-old organization took place either in Europe or in Israel.


Rabbi Plaut

I had been charged some time ago to work with a commission whose members were based in nine countries, to present the convention with a report on the position Progressive-Liberal-Reform Jews ought to take vis-a-vis other Jewish religious movements. After receiving valuable (but also often contradictory) input from my commission I presented a preliminary report which was fully debated, amended and eventually adopted. I am presenting below the opening paragraphs of that report which now represents the official stance of our movement.

"As Jews, children of the Covenant, we are tied to all our people by our sacred heritage and by indissoluble bonds of ahavat-Israel (the love of the people Israel). We share with them our devotion to God, our sense of duty toward each other and our task to work for tikun olam, the repair and perfection of the world.

"We, like all committed Jews, are responsible for the spiritual and physical wellbeing of our people. We are therefore deeply distressed that nearly everywhere in the world a growing and dangerous polarization is taking place in Jewish life. Communities have lost their sense of common purpose and are splitting into different camps. Often there is no discourse between the various groups, and a sense for the needs of klal Yisrael (the totality of our people) is sadly lacking.

"Jews are not a monolithic people with one point of view, one single structure of practice and belief. We are and have always been a people of various streams of thought and different reactions to the challenges facing us. Pluralism of belief and observance has been a constant feature of our existence from ancient times onward. It is the soil which has nurtured change and creativity, spiritual and social health. The pronouncement eilu v'eilu divrei Elohim chayim ("These differing points of view are expressions of the living God") bridged bitter disputes in ancient days. Its sentiment is needed today, for while not all differences can be reconciled they can be discussed in a climate of civility and with some degree of flexibility, without sacrificing thereby the integrity of those who speak to each other from different premises.

"While Progressive Jews too represent a wide spectrum of belief and practice they are united in their belief that Judaism is an evolving religion which flourishes best in a climate of openness, cooperation and understanding.

"We need to know the strengths of our own movement, its achievements and its potential. Progressive Judaism has saved uncounted numbers of Jews for the Jewish people and the Jewish religion and has prevented their assimilation and disappearance. We have fostered social thought and action, have accorded women their rightful equality in our councils and congregations, and have emphasized ethics, justice and peace as central demands of our faith. We have reached out to the indifferent, to the unaffiliated and to Gentile spouses in inter-faith marriages and their children. We readily welcome all those who choose to join us as partners in the Covenant.

"Judaism thrives best in an atmosphere of personal freedom and communal consent rather than through the imposition of state authority. We believe that the power of the state should not be used to legislate on religious issues or to enforce and police religious observance.

"We do not believe that any movement has a monopoly on battling the ravages of indifference, assimilation and ignorance. The conflicts within our communities can be resolved only in a spirit of moderation and modesty on all sides and with a willingness to listen to and understand one another.

"We reaffirm that we will remain open and accessible to all, and appeal to those who would hear us to establish a firm foundation for communal cooperation, civil discourse and mutual understanding."

After kosher food controversy

U.S. prisons won't judge religion

By
AVIVA CANTOR

NEW YORK (JTA) — The Federal Bureau of Prisons has agreed, after a lengthy legal battle, that the question of "Who is a Jew" — and thus eligible for kosher food — will not be determined by prison officials, but by religious authorities. It will send a directive to this effect to all prisons in the federal system.

The action came about as a result of a court case triggered when prison officials at the Federal Correctional Institution at Texarkana, Texas, decided that none of the participants in the kosher food program were Jews, and removed them from the program — in effect, closing it down.

One of the then-inmates, Clifford Noe, sued the prison system on grounds that his First Amendment rights were violated. Robert Roach, Jr., of Mayor, Day and Caldwell of Houston, who has represented Noe on a pro bono basis, told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that a constitutional issue was at stake: "The government or any of its agencies should not decide who is a member of a religion."

Federal prison system regulations, arising out of 1978 court cases, mandate that inmates are entitled to full kosher meals within 15 days of signing a statement that they are Jews and request such food, said Roach.

Noe, he said, was admitted to the kosher food program at Texarkana prison in 1979. The next year, he made several complaints to the warden: one was that the prison had inadequate facilities for keeping kitchen equipment, used to prepare kosher food, clean, another was that the food — cheese, frankfurters and sardines — was not comparable to that served to non-kosher inmates.

Prison officials, however, responded only to Noe's third complaint: that non-Jews were in the kosher food program and were flaunting their non-Jewishness. Deciding to determine "who is a Jew," prison officials turned to a local Texarkana rabbi, and later, to Rabbi Uriel Smith of Shreveport, La.

Both rabbis turned down the idea of testing the inmates to discern whether they were Jews, on grounds that this is against Jewish law except when someone is about to marry. Smith, as well as Rabbi Ted Sanders, the Jewish chaplain for the state prison system, later testified in court to this effect.

Turned down by the two rabbis, the prison officials called upon Dr. David Geigerman, a Texarkana anesthesiologist who served at the time as president of the local B'nai B'rith chapter. Geigerman spoke with the nine or 10 inmates in the kosher program for several minutes, said Roach, asking them to translate some Hebrew and provide information on several Jewish festivals. He concluded that none was Jewish.

Geigerman later testified in court that, had he been informed that to be eligible for the kosher food program a prisoner did not have to be knowledgeable about Judaica or to have kept kosher before applying for it, he would not have acted as he did, Roach told JTA. Hospitalized in an intensive-care unit, Geigerman could not be reached for comment.

After Geigerman reached his decision, prison officials removed the inmates from the kosher food program and it became "inoperative," said Roach; it was resumed later, however. The prison stipulated that if the inmates wanted to be considered Jews, they would have to take religion classes from Geigerman.

Such state-sponsored religion classes are unconstitutional, as is the government being involved in determining who is a member of religious faith.

Noe took the case to court — as did another inmate who later dropped out of the subsequent legal battles. He named the warden, prison chaplain, and Geigerman as defendants.

After the case went through three courts the defendants settled out of court.

The terms of the settlement — the "consent decree" — requires the federal Bureau of Prisons to send a directive to every one of its facilities in the U.S. stating that before any inmate can be declared ineligible for the kosher food program because he is not Jewish, the prison officials must consult with a rabbi and give the rabbi's opinion great weight.

The federal prison system must prove that this directive was issued within 90 days of the signing of the settlement agreement. It must be posted in the prison law library, said Roach, kept with the other regulations there, and made available to all prisoners.

"The federal prison system has now been educated" on this issue, Roach told JTA. "They will never again decide unilaterally if someone is a member of a religious faith or not and will, instead, defer to that faith's religious authorities." Noe, he added, was also "very satisfied" with the settlement agreement.

Sanders, calling this a "landmark" decision, said it means that no prison officials "can deny any kosher food to a prisoner on the basis of what he knows about his religion," and that "nobody can declare him a non-Jew except a rabbi."

Prisoners who say they are Jews will have to be provided with kosher food if they demand it, without proving they are Jews, Sanders said.

European rabbis ask Pope to stop Auschwitz convent

PARIS (JTA) — **Five Chief Rabbis from four European countries have urged Pope John Paul II to reconsider plans by the Roman Catholic church to establish a convent at the site of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland.**

A letter to the Pontiff was signed by Chief Rabbi Immanuel Jakovobits of Britain; Chief Rabbi Rene Sirat of France; Max Harschawski, Chief Rabbi of Alsatia; Chief Rabbi Moses Rosen of Romania; and Chief Rabbi Mordechai Piron of Zurich.

They stated in their letter that "the site of the former concentration camp has become synonymous with the Holocaust (of the Jewish people)" and "turning it into a religious pilgrimage would be both painful and injurious."

The proposed convent would house nuns of the Carmelite order from a half dozen countries, including Germany and Poland.

The Archbishop of Cracow, Cardinal Franciszek Marcharski, has defended the project as "proof that goodness is stronger than evil." In a letter published in the Vatican newspaper Osservatore Romano on Feb. 21, he maintained that Auschwitz has become "a holy place for all humanity and belongs to all nations."

Just look who's writing for "soft-core porn" mags

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON — Behold a recent issue of Penthouse Magazine and a gamey one it is. There is a partially clad wench on the cover, a story about "North Carolina's Holy War on Sex," something about Sikh terrorists being trained in the United States and, in this magazine so dirty that it has been condemned by the government's commission on pornography, a book excerpt written by, of all people, William F. Buckley Jr.

Yes, William F. Buckley. The conservative columnist. The novelist. The host of Firing Line. The editor of The National Review and, along with his wife, Pat, a close friend of Nancy and Ronald Reagan and a frequent visitor to the White House. That William F. Buckley.

And, yes, that Penthouse. The very same magazine cited on page 9 of the draft report prepared by the Attorney-General's Commission on Pornography — the part dealing with soft-core pornography. In the draft, the commission states that 7-Eleven stores "are the leading retailers of soft-core porn magazines in America" and "the single most important outlet" for Penthouse. "Profits made by 7-Eleven on porn run into the millions." In case you don't get the commission's drift, Penthouse is porn.

But is it? The truth is that I don't know. I know it's what we used to call dirty because, to paraphrase Justice Potter Stewart, I know dirty when I see it — and I see it all over this particular issue of Penthouse. The letters are pornographic, the photos of naked women are lewd and the cartoons are just plain dumb. Yet there is also fiction by Buckley — an excerpt from his latest novel. Whatever it is, it is not pornographic and neither, for that matter, was Buckley's July, 1984, Penthouse piece on Jesse Jackson — although, truth be known, I'm just guessing there. I never read it.

It takes Buckley in his role as fellow taveler of porn (a Pornko) to point up both the absurdity of the Reagan administration's anti-porn effort and, if I may be so bold, its epic hypocrisy. Not only is the President's pal-cum-intellectual-mentor writing for a magazine his official censors consider pornographic, but so for that matter does his son. Young Ron now toils for Playboy. Like me and Saul Bellow, he is a writer.

Censors, though, are totally without subtlety. They don't realize that the President is not serious about pornography, otherwise, as day follows night, he would banish Buckley and his son from the White House — or make them both wear bags over their heads. Instead, the censors take both the President and Ed Meese at their word. They have made up their minds about Penthouse, Playboy and similar magazines. They have already defined pornography as "a serious national problem" and have been up to their ears in smut trying to do something about it. They would dearly love to censor. Only the Constitution stands in their way. Darn!

But others have already been moved to action. In Washington, for instance, the two largest drugstore chains have stopped selling Playboy, Penthouse and similar magazines. The result of all this misplaced moral piety is that you now can not buy either Bill Buckley or Ron Reagan in many a Washington drugstore. That might not seem too serious a blow. But if the present rules were in effect in September, 1983, you would have had a difficult time finding the Playboy interview with members of the Nicaraguan junta — the very same interview the President cited in his recent televised speech to the nation. The same holds for Jimmy Carter's famous lust-in-my-heart interview.

To all this, the President and his minions turn away — saying nothing in behalf of the free flow of ideas. Meanwhile, in Washington, the yahoos of the right prove once again that the First Amendment has no key on a drugstore cash register. The administration thumps for family values and seeks, with a commission, to prove that pornography is damaging. Maybe. But what is inarguably damaging is censorship — even clumsy attempts at it. That's been proven time and time again.

If I were William F. Buckley, filthy rich and world renowned, I'd be damned if I would let my writing appear in Penthouse. Instead, I might sit down and pen a letter to my friend, the President, to show him what happens when the government sics the dogs of censorship on the public's right to know: To read William F. Buckley, you have to go to a "dirty" bookstore.

(Editor's note: Since this was written the 7-Eleven stores in the U.S. announced they will no longer carry Playboy and Penthouse.)

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Plenary to consider amendments

Overhaul of bylaws promises to open up CJC

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress should become more truly "the parliament of Canadian Jewry" if a major overhaul of its bylaws is adopted at the plenary assembly in Toronto May 7-11.

Amendments to the bylaws, which serve as the organization's constitution, would open up CJC to more members of the Jewish community. An omnibus resolution has been drafted by a committee headed by outgoing CJC president Milton Harris, Donald Carr and Edward Waitzer, which proposes changes to most of the set of bylaws.

Two major changes are those to the sections on membership and eligibility. A clause which gives the CJC national executive "absolute discretion" to exclude persons who it deems to be "opposed to the aims and objectives of Congress" will be deleted.

Modification will also be made to the preceding paragraph which states that to be a member of CJC one must "concur with or support the aims and objectives" of CJC. The minimum age of membership would be lowered to 16 from 18.

The contentious issue of having to "be in good standing" with one's local federation to be a member of CJC is also addressed in the amendments package. The existing bylaws stipulate that to be elected a national or regional officer, or to be a member of the national council or any committee of CJC, a person shall have made an "adequate" contribution to the local UJA or equivalent campaign. What is adequate is the opinion of that campaign's committee.

It is proposed that "personal service to the Canadian Jewish community" be considered equal to financial contribution in determining eligibility for CJC membership.

Another amendment would increase representation from Western Canada. At present, the Jewish communities of Manitoba and Saskatchewan are grouped together as one of the six regions of CJC. It is proposed that the two provinces become distinct regions.

Three plenary sessions will be devoted to discussion of and voting on resolutions during the plenary assembly, to reflect a decision at the last plenary assembly in 1983 that a full day should be given to resolutions.

On Thursday, May 8, from 7.30-8.45 p.m., a session will be held on the bylaw amendments. The other two sessions, Friday, May 9, from 4.15-6 p.m., and Sunday, from 8-11.45 a.m., will deal with the approximately 70 other resolutions put forward for delegates' consideration.

A big difference this year is the way in which resolutions were received and prepared for delegates. A national resolutions committee, chaired by Montreal lawyer Gary Waxman, has been soliciting resolutions from communities across Canada since January.

Instead of waiting until the plenary assembly to go through them as in the past — an exercise which usually keeps the committee up until the wee hours of the morning in order to have them ready for the plenum on time — all that work has been done ahead.

When delegates register at the opening of the plenary assembly May 7 they should find in their kits the resolutions, neatly typed and organized. The resolutions committee, composed of 42 members from each region, has the authority not only to consolidate but redraft and reject resolutions, although Waxman said none were rejected this year.

No resolutions will be accepted from the convention floor, except those deemed by the committee to be of a pressing nature. The deadline was March 14, but it was extended to March 31.

Any criticism of this method as being undemocratic is unfair, according to Waxman. "It is normal in parliamentary procedure for committees to work on legislation before it goes to the House." However, the plenary will be the final arbiter on resolutions, he said. "If there is dissatisfaction it can be raised; no one is going to be muzzled."

Waxman said the resolutions received touch on just about every major issue confronting the Canadian Jewish community, both internally and externally. Effort was made to get resolutions from all regions of the country.

There are resolutions against capital punishment, condemning apartheid, supporting employment equity, and calling upon Canada to sever ties with any country which supports or harbors terrorists.

Others call for the formation of a committee to study intermarriage, greater access for the disabled to community agencies and services, the setting up of a legal aid service for the Jewish needy, more day care facilities within the community and a more active role for Canada in the resettlement of Jews from Ethiopia.

Several resolutions reflect a desire for more harmony within the community, such as those on Ashkenazi-Sephardi relations and on Jewish pluralism, urging more cohesiveness and respect for the different segments of the Canadian Jewish community. One resolution calls for the convening of a national conference on women's issues, including the get problem. Another demands a conference on social responsibility.

Waxman is proposing his own amendment to the bylaws which would see the national resolutions committee become a permanent committee of CJC, charged with the responsibility of monitoring the implementation of resolutions and reporting to the next plenary on their success.

"We believe the format this year will allowed for a less hurried, more intelligent examination of the issues raised by the resolutions," said Waxman.

Question of religion omitted in census

MONTREAL — Knowing exactly how many Jews live in Canada will be more difficult over the next few years at least.

The question on religion has been eliminated from the 1986 census of Canada. "Jewish" is listed among the possible answers to the question, "To which ethnic or cultural group(s) do you or did your ancestors belong?" However, this question appears only on the long form which will be distributed to one in five households.

The other 80% of households will receive the short form which does not include a question on ethnicity.

Religion is among several questions dropped from the 1981 census to "help reduce costs, as well as lessen the burden on respondents." Among the others eliminated to make way for new questions are those on the number of bathrooms in the respondent's dwelling, fertility, fuel used for water heating, and age at first marriage.

Chief statistician Yvan Fellegi said that the religion question is not necessarily gone forever from the census. He said it was felt that perhaps it is sufficient to gather data on Canadians' religion only every 10 years, instead of every five.

However, changes to census questions require a cabinet decision. The next census will be taken in 1991.

The number of Jews by religion is generally regarded as a more accurate measure than that by ethnicity. Ethnicity does not take into account the existence of converts to Judaism and frequently Jews cite their or their ancestors' nationality as their ethnic origin.

June 3 is Census Day throughout Canada. The questionnaires will be delivered to most households in late May. The law requires that all information requested on the census form be provided by the respondent, and guarantees absolute confidentiality of this information.

"Census information is used only for statistical purposes, and absolutely no one, not even the courts, can have access to information which would identify any individual or family," said Stewart McInnes, the minister responsible for Statistics Canada.

The short form, which most people will get, asks nine questions on such topics as age, sex, marital status, housing and mother tongue. The long form contains an additional 23 questions on subjects such as education, mobility, income, and occupation.

On both forms the question on mother tongue asks the language you first learned in childhood and still understand. The long form also asks what language you now speak at home. This information, along with that on ethnic origin, will help the government plan such programs as minority language instruction.

For the first time, every questionnaire has explanations of what information is being sought by each question and the reason for its inclusion. For persons who are not fluent in either English or French, questionnaires are available this year in 30 languages. In addition, a multilingual telephone service will be available to assist respondents in their own language.

The first results of the 1986 census are expected in January, 1987. Final population and dwelling counts are due in March, 1987, while publication of data from sample households should begin by March, 1988.

PAYING RESPECTS

Canadian External Affairs Minister Joe Clark lays a wreath in the Hall of Remembrance at Yad Vashem on behalf of the government of Canada during his recent visit to Israel. [Zvi Reiter photo]

Letter to editor

'Shocked and dismayed'

To the editor:

We are shocked and dismayed that The CJN (April 23,) makes it seem that Moshe Ronen, candidate for CJC presidency, can bring only "youthful enthusiasm" to the job.

The CJN is ignoring half a decade of tireless effort and remarkable community achievement.

At the urging of Elie Wiesel, Mr. Ronen led the North American delegation to Bitburg to protest President Reagan's visit to a Nazi SS cemetery (1985).

Ronen met personally with President Ronald Reagan in Washington to lobby on behalf of the Jewish agenda (1983).

At the request of the Government of Israel, Mr. Ronen joined a fact-finding mission to Lebanon and Beirut during Operation Peace for Galilee (1982).

During the recent super power summit in Switzerland, Ronen advocated the plight of Soviet Jewry in a dramatic protest at the Geneva Aeroflot office. Mr. Ronen joined Knesset member Dror Ze'german on a special mission to the Jewish communities of India and Czechoslovakia (1985).

Mr. Ronen has served on the American Section of the World Jewish Congress Executive, national executive of CJC, the international executive of the World Union of Jewish Students and as president of the North American Jewish Students' Network.

His continued grassroot involvement and leadership achievements are things we can all be proud of.

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By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: The CJN report on the debate between Rabbi Alex Schindler and Rabbi Walter Wurzburger says that Schindler made this claim: "As for the patrilineal issue . . . , in biblical times, a Jew's lineage was determined through the father, not the mother." Is this true?

Rabbi Burak

My glasses and his glasses don't see the same things in the Torah.

In Genesis, Chapter 24:3-4, Abraham makes his faithful servant, Eliezer, take this oath: "Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. But thou shalt go unto my country, and to **my kindred,** and take a wife for my son, even for Isaac." Abraham didn't know that his son could marry out of the faith and simply proclaim that his son is Jewish.

Again, when it came time for Jacob to take a wife, we read, in Genesis, Chapter 27:46, these words of his mother: "I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?"

Listening to his wife, Isaac charged his son Jacob, as we read in Genesis, Chapter 28:1-2: "And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him: 'Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the House of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence **of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother.'**"

Thus, the Patriarchs, Abraham and Isaac, and the Matriarch Rebecca knew not the Schindler formula. They did know that it would be the greatest tragedy if their son would marry out of the faith. They knew that when the mother is not Jewish, the child she bears is not Jewish.

Attitude hardened

Moving from the beginning of Jewish time to what is almost the close of the biblical period, we find that this attitude hardened rather than softened. In Ezra, Chapter 9:1-2, the prophet confesses the sins of his people in these words: "The people of Israel and the priests and the Levites have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands. . . . For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled with the people of the land. . . ."

But, Rabbi Schindler is not disturbed by the mingling of the holy seed. No doubt, he reads this passage and says, as he has said before: "The Torah is capable of many interpretations." Yes, but woe to us when the doctor looks at a cancer, and having another interpretation, he proclaims that it is of no consequence.

We love all Jews. But some of our brothers make it difficult to love them.

Ottawa urged to invest in Black, colored townships

BB makes proposals on S. Africa

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

The Canadian government should be encouraged to invest in Black and colored townships in South Africa so as to train leaders in business and management skills, according to a recommendation to the government approved by the B'nai B'rith Canada at a recent meeting in Ottawa.

"We have to train the Black community to become familiar with business and management techniques and leadership roles, Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith, told The Canadian Jewish News.

Dimant said the recommendation, which came out of a fact-finding mission to South Africa by B'nai B'rith president Harry Bick and himself, was presented to the Special Joint Committee on Canada's International Affairs by Marilyn Wainberg, chairman of BB's International Affairs Cabinet, and BB legal counsel David Matas.

The committee was established by External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and is composed of MPs and senators. It is hearing submissions across the country on Canada's foreign relations and will report to Parliament on May 31.

While in South Africa the BB leaders visited Johannesburg, Capetown, Durban, Soweto, Alexandra, and Mitchell's Plain. Dimant said the trip gave them the opportunity to meet with members of the country's Jewish community and hear their concerns.

They also met with representatives from every sector of society, including the Canadian and Israeli ambassadors to South Africa, Edward Lee and David Ariel. Lee is former Canadian ambassador to Israel and Ariel is former Israeli consul general in Toronto.

Discussing the future of South Africa's Jewish community during a recent fact-finding mission there is (from left) Harry Schwartz, South African MP; Harry Bick, national president of BBC; Rabbi M. Casper, Chief Rabbi of South Africa; and Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC.

Dimant said that while South Africa's Jewish community is strong and vibrant, it has "grave concerns" which stem from the number of Jewish and non-Jewish missions to South Africa. These visits usually result in strong speeches attacking apartheid and do not accomplish much.

"We're troubled by that approach, he said. "We don't claim to be experts. We heard and listened."

Dimant said that while Jews are seen as part of the white community, the Black community realizes that Jews are in the forefront in fighting apartheid.

"Jewish leaders in South Africa have gone on record as being against it. It took great courage to make those statements."

Looking at the current political situation in South Africa, Dimant said the "truth rests somewhere between what the media have been showing us and what people are saying themselves."

He said people are not just concerned about violence arising from a Black revolution, but also about a political swing to the right and possible efforts to crush Black movements.

Such a swing would be detrimental to the country's liberal Jewish community.

"If world pressure continues, a segment of the white Afrikaaner population may resort to strongarm tactics," Dimant said.

"The question of South Africa boils down to how much time the world is prepared to give the country to sort out its problems," added Dimant, who explained that while B'nai B'rith abhors apartheid, the country should not be judged by outside standards.

He said that while such things as mixed beaches are common here, it has been met with culture shock for whites in Durban.

Following the mission to South Africa, Dimant said they flew to London for a meeting of the International Council of B'nai B'rith. There he participated in a panel discussion on ICBB's position on South Africa with Bick, Jerry Kraft, president of B'nai B'rith International, and Warren Eisenberg, director of the International Council.

"The final decision was to endorse and commend the Board of Jewish Deputies and B'nai B'rith South Africa for positions already taken and to denounce apartheid," said Dimant.

The Board of Deputies is South Africa's central representative institution with which most of the country's Hebrew congregations and Jewish societies are affiliated.

Peres urges W. Europe to fight against terror

STRASBOURG (JTA) —

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres called on Western Europe last week to back anti-terrorism moves and to show no weakness in fighting what has become "the scourge of modern times."

Addressing the 21-nation Council of Europe here, Peres said that the measures adopted recently by the European Economic Community (EEC) Foreign Ministers in Luxembourg "are useful," but added that this should only be considered the beginning of a joint stand against terrorism.

The foreign ministers of the 12-member EEC decided to limit the number of Libyan diplomats stationed in West European capitals and to take a series of other diplomatic moves to stem the tide of terror.

The Israeli Premier, who also raised this issue with French President Francois Mitterand and Premier Jacques Chirac in Paris, told the European parliamentarians that the U.S. air strike on Libya has had a beneficial effect on the fight against terrorism. He enumerated the concrete reasons why Europe should have welcomed the strike and helped the Americans to carry it out.

Peres said that Israel had not been informed of the air strike in advance and had taken no part in its planning and its execution. "We have enough problems of our own," he said.

Among the subjects he discussed with Mitterrand and Chirac were Libya, terrorism, Syria and overall East-West relations.

An Israeli spokesman told JTA that the possibility of buying French nuclear power stations was raised, but without going into any details. "The Prime Minister had no shopping bag," the spokesman said.

Both Mitterrand and Chirac had reportedly promised to consider any Israeli request for such a reactor, should it be made.

Scharansky signs with NY agency

NEW YORK (JTA) —

Anatoly Scharansky, the Soviet Jewish dissident who recently emigrated to Israel, has signed a contract with the New York-based talent agency, International Creative Management (ICM), which also represents former secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

According to a report in the Washington Post, the head of ICM, Marvin Josephson, who is active in several Jewish organizations, met a few days ago with Scharansky in Israel. Kissinger and Scharansky are the only clients that Josephson handles personally, the paper noted.

The Post also said that Scharansky is close to signing a major book contract, "probably with Random House." The paper said that "any book contract for an autobiography will probably dictate that a major portion of the money go to organizations to help other Soviet Jews."

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Though we cannot change the world overnight, we can and must change our own community. We **can** make a difference here in Canada. The problems are many and complex. The solutions, however, are few and simple. All that is required to ensure a viable Jewish future is the courage necessary to undertake four specific programs.

MOSHE RONEN

Executive Member
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A Four-point program for Jewish Survival

1. Young Leadership

We all lament the alienation of our youth. Every Jewish gathering makes commitments to "leadership development."

We talk about young leadership but do not give youth an opportunity to talk for themselves. Of course youth is alienated. We treat youth as a liability. No young leader has ever been invited to address a Congress Plenary. For example, Network, the National Union of Jewish students in Canada, is perhaps the most dynamic, vital and organizationally healthy national Jewish student group in the world, yet Congress has never invited a Network Chairperson to address the plenary on matters of Jewish student concern. If the community turns its back on the youth, the youth will turn its back on the community.

I propose a program of affirmative action for Jewish youth. 25% of all CJC positions should be filled by people under 40. 25% of all committees should consist of people under 40. 25% of all CJC speeches should be made by people under 40. Such an affirmative action program will open the community's doors to a younger generation. It will ensure that in 25 years we are not left with empty buildings housing defunct organizations, devoid of a Jewish constituency. Congress' future is the youth of today.

Congress must make Jewish education a priority. Congress should stimulate study groups, lecture tours and intellectual forums in the major centres and in the small communities. These will generate interest in Jewish religion, art, culture and encourage more of our most promising youth to enter the field of Jewish education.

Young Jews are drifting away from the community. Many have even joined various cults. They are attracted to them by a phony sense of community and spirituality. To keep our young and secure our future, we must eliminate beaurocratism and create an authentic sense of community, spirituality, Jewish learning and activism.

Jewish affirmative action and Jewish education can and will create a climate which will draw Jewish youth back into the Jewish family.

2. Israel

Terrorism, and the increasingly lethal weapons at its disposal now threaten Western civilization with the prospect of Nuclear vigilantism. At the core of its ideology, terrorism seeks to destroy the state of Israel by blackmailing the West to abandon the Jewish state.

The isolation of Israel in the international community is tantamount to the isolation of the Jewish people itself.

It is incumbent on Congress to vigorously represent the commitment of Canadian Jewry to Israel's security. For example, today, the PLO sits on the anti-terror commission of the Montreal-based International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). It is incumbent on Congress to lobby for the removal of this terrorist organization from ICAO and Canadian soil. Canadians are increasingly becoming the victims of terrorism (e.g. Air India, CP Air). Congress should therefore act to persuade the Canadian government to exercise whatever political and economic leverage Canada has at its disposal and to punish countries (e.g. Libya and Syria) that are aiding and abetting terrorism.

Furthermore, it is incumbent on Congress, as the representative body of Canadian Jewry, to effectively lobby the media to fairly represent the Zionist perspective in the Middle East conflict.

The enemies of the State of Israel are using both terrorism and disinformation as adjuncts to their war on the Jewish state. Therefore, the CJC should develop sophisticated lobbying techniques and a professional arsenal of public relations tools to combat both terrorism and disinformation. The CJC must develop the means to vigorously and effectively represent Israel's case both in Ottawa and in the media.

3. Advocacy

"Don't rock the boat" and "quiet diplomacy" are often code words for inaction in the face of suffering.

We are a community which is fortunate to be living in an open and pluralistic society. We are free to express our concern, needs and desires.

And yet, over forty years after the Holocaust not a single Nazi war criminal has been tried in Canada. The presence of these murderers amongst us is an affront to the Canadian system of justice, to the memory of those Canadian soldiers who fell fighting Nazism in Europe, and to the memory of the victims of the Holocaust. It is also a glaring example of the failure of the Jewish community to successfully put this issue on the Canadian agenda. What has been needed on this issue is more public advocacy, and less quiet diplomacy.

Apathy in the face of present day Jewish suffering is also a betrayal of the victims of the Holocaust. For example, 15,000 Jews now face extinction in Ethiopia. They are separated from their families in Israel, and face starvation, religious persecution and communal dispersion. The Canadian government can and must play a role in the reunification of those Jewish families still in Ethiopia with their kin in Israel. What is now needed is advocacy, not silence.

Similarly, the Jews of the Soviet Union, Syria, Tunisia and Iran are imperiled. Since their voices are often stifled by oppressive regimes, we must shout out on their behalf. Because they are silent, we must cry. In the words of Anatoly Scharansky, "We must raise our voices. Quiet diplomacy is not enough."

We as a Jewish community, however, cannot struggle for human rights for Jews alone. We have to lobby vigorously against oppressive regimes such as the racist government of South Africa and its ideology of Apartheid. We have to also lobby for increased federal funding for African relief.

We dare not watch in silence while an entire continent starves to death. The previous generation is now being judged in terms of its response to the Holocaust. Our generation will be judged in terms of its response to the crisis in Africa.

In the words of Edmund Burke, "The surest way to ensure that evil will triumph in the world is for enough good people to do nothing."

4. Congress as a Parliament

Congress is the Parliament of Canadian Jewry. Congress' mandate is to act as a forum for a wide spectrum of Canadian Jewish opinion, and as a representative voice on matters of consensus.

A "Parliament", however, should be a forum for constructive debate. Its leadership must represent not only those in power, but those out of power.

I believe that the single greatest failure of the CJC has been its inability to fulfill its mandate as a parliament for a broad spectrum of Canadian Jewry.

Many of those who do not subscribe to particular Congress policies are disenfranchised from the CJC. As a result, the community has been wracked by divisiveness, animosity, and polarization. For example, though the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry (CAEJ) has over 12,000 contributing members, none of its leaders has been invited to participate in the CJC plenary.

The Sephardic community, too, has been largely overlooked. As a parliament, the CJC must not become an Ashkenazic monopoly.

We have to reach out to the women of our community and actively encourage their meaningful participation at all levels in Congress life: equal pay for equal work; leadership positions on key committees; answering the community-wide need for Jewish day care facilities; and by making the community more responsive to women in crisis.

Congress must reach out to the Orthodox, the Conservative and the Reform; to the political left and the right. We must involve the elderly, the young, the handicapped and recent immigrants.

It is precisely Congress' mandate to provide a forum for all people to exchange ideas and resources, to lobby each other, argue with each other, agree to disagree, and unite on issues of mutual concern. The CJC must learn to thrive on differences rather than fear them.

I believe that a simple attitudinal shift coupled with a willingness by the CJC leadership to engage in constructive debate on the issues, would bring back all those Jews who have been forced to leave the Congress community.

It is time we open all the doors of the CJC and invited the Jewish community to come in.

I believe that by implementing the above outlined four-point program, we can precipitate a qualitative transformation in Jewish communal life, and secure a Jewish future.

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Turned down for Saudi job

Discrimination suit settled

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A Jewish engineer who charged Ralph Parsons Company, a California-based international contracting firm, with religious discrimination for turning him down for a job in Saudi Arabia, has received a $72,500 settlement from the company.

The complainant, Morris Hochberg, claimed in a U.S. district court that although his professional qualifications were never questioned, he was rejected after a Parsons official asked him if he was Jewish, and he answered in the affirmative. Hochberg was supported in his suit by the American Jewish Congress.

The engineer was working in Chicago in 1981 when he replied to an advertisement in the Chicago Tribune calling for a "principal project manager." After checking his qualifications, a Parsons official invited him by telephone to come to California at company expense for a series of interviews.

In California, he learned that the work location was in Yanbu, Saudi Arabia. Then, according to Hochberg, a Parsons executive told him that they would like to ask a "sensitive" question: "Are you Jewish?" When the engineer replied that he was, the official reportedly stated: "I wish I had asked you that question on the telephone while you were still in Chicago."

Hochberg was turned down for the job, although, he noted, his professional qualifications were never questioned or in dispute. He filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and won the commission's permission to bring suit in a U.S. district court in California.

His suit charged the Parsons Company with violating Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits discrimination on grounds of race or religion.

The company agreed to pay $72,500 in damages as part of an out-of-court settlement. The Parsons Company, without admitting guilt — a customary practice in such agreements — promised it would adhere in the future to a policy of processing all applications and applicants for employment with Saudi Arabian employers "in a non-discriminatory manner, without regard to the religion of any applicant."

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The Name Game

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GREIF — DRACHE

I have previously referred to the Frankfurter Judengasse — the Jewish street where houses were identified by insignia rather than municipal numbers. The illustrious surname Rothschild (red shield) springs from this source.

A number of shields depicted animals like Fuchs (fox) and Lamm (lamb). Others owed their origin to mythology and have endured as surnames in current use.

Greif is the German for griffin, a fabulous animal having the head and wings of an eagle and the body and hind quarters of a lion. The Polish word is Gryf.

Drache is German for dragon — a mythical winged monster, part serpent, part crocodile, usually represented as breathing out fire.

By coincidence, after I had written the foregoing, I received a letter from Dr. Cyril Gryfe of Toronto reciting Graif and Grajf as alternative spellings of his surname, but which have the same pronunciation as the German Greif and Polish Gryf. It is possible that the name comes from Gryfice, a town in Poland, but I prefer its identification with the majestic eagle and the mighty lion.

Travel grants aid delegates to CJC plenary

MONTREAL —

To encourage the participation of persons aged 18 to 35, the Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region, is offering travel subsidies to the national organization's plenary assembly in Toronto May 7-11. A chartered bus will leave Montreal May 8 and return May 11.

The subsidies were made possible by a grant from the federal secretary of state for multiculturalism.

Special programming for and by young adults will take place throughout the plenary. For more information on how to apply in CJC's Quebec Region, call Michelle Trafikani, 931-7531. Pre-registration is required.

The CJC offices will be closed April 30 and May 1 for Passover.

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Aircraft mogul Dassault developed French fighter

PARIS —

A state funeral was held here last week at the Chapel of St. Louis Des Invalides for Marcel Dassault. The multi-millionaire industrialist died several days earlier at age 94. He was the founder and leading light of the French aircraft industry.

His Mirage rings the Middle East today. Sleek F1s and 2000s form a bulwark of Arab air forces, while Kfirs, locally updated Mirages, have been prominent in Israel's defences. Israel's refinements of the original delta wing launched the Jewish state into aerospace technology.

The Ouragan and Mystere jets Dassault produced in the early 50s were used by both French and Israeli forces against Egypt in the Suez War of 1956. His Mirage delta wing plane caught the imagination of the world when deployed with unprecedented boldness by Israel in the Six Day War.

Although he never visited Israel, Dassault was on intimate terms with many Israeli leaders and reportedly took pride in the way Israeli pilots handled his high performance jets.

Dassault was born Marcel Bloch, the sickly fourth son of a Jewish Parisian physician. His first sighting of an airplane, in 1910, ignited his lifelong passion. He became the first graduate of an aeronautical engineering school, and quickly gave his country the benefit of his talent. His design for a propeller gave France's World War I aircraft a distinct advantage over their German opponents.

He developed an aircraft company in the 30s. When it was nationalized by the government, he managed to stay in charge, as head of its design bureau.

During World War II, he refused German demands to work for the Luftwaffe. He was sent to die in Buchenwald concentration camp in 1944. He survived through Communist and other inmates who kept him fed until liberation.

A few years later, he converted to Roman Catholicism and launched his Avions Marcel Dassault, the sole supplier to the French air force.

Terror issue goes to summit

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and military installations, and killed his adopted infant daughter, seemed in control of Libya despite rumors that he had been overthrown in a coup.

Qadaffi's nemesis, Ronald Reagan, sounded a warning that the full weight of American military power would be used to counter terrorism.

Reagan made two points. He called on Arab nations to join the U.S. in combating terrorism. And he said he could not rule out retaliation against Syria and Iran if they were irrefutably linked to terrorism in which Americans were the victims.

However, Secretary of State George Shultz toned down Reagan's remarks by saying the U.S. had no plans to attack Syria and Iran.

The contradictory statements underscored the fact that no consensus has been developed within the Reagan administration on how far to go militarily to counter terrorism.

Nevertheless, the Americans plan to focus on international terrorism at this week's Tokyo economic summit, where the leaders of the leading seven Western industrial nations will meet.

Throughout Europe and the Middle East, there was no letup in terrorism.

•In North Yemen, an American communications officer in the U.S. embassy was shot and wounded.

•In Lyons, France, the British manager of an American company was killed, and an explosion ripped through the deserted office of American Express.

•In London, a bomb damaged a British Airways office in the early hours of the morning.

•In Vienna, a bomb went off in the office of Saudi Arabia's national airline.

Mohammed Abbas, who is accused of masterminding last year's Achille Lauro hijacking, said last week that he was organizing revolutionary groups to act against American and Israeli interests.

At a conference on terrorism in St. Jean, Quebec, participants were told that Canadian terrorists trained in Libya and South Yemen are preparing to kidnap and assassinate politicians in this country.

The forecast was made by Peter Shoniker, an Ontario crown attorney and consultant on terrorism.

John Thompson, of the Canadian Institute of Strategic Studies, predicted that terrorism in Canada was likely to increase.

He said that one indigenous Canadian terrorist group, Direct Action, had received training in South Yemen and Libya.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Berek Yoselowich, commander of the Polish revolutionary army's Jewish legion, was killed in action on May 5, 1809. His was the first Jewish fighting force in modern times.

The Chmielniki massacres of 1648 — in which some 200,000 Jews were butchered — followed by local pogroms and then devastating invasions by Prussia, Sweden and Russia, traumatized Poland's community. It still remained Jewry's largest, the centre of traditional culture and scholarship, and the font of new expressions of Judaism, from chassidism through socialism to Zionism. Poland, their single home, suffered a series of annexations at the end of the 18th century that saw the Ukraine, Lithuania and White Russia taken over by Russia. Jews in Silesia became subjects of Prussia, while those in Galicia came under Austro-Hungarian rule.

Nationalistic Jews, like their Gentile counterparts, were rankled by the dismemberment of their formerly large and glorious homeland.

Bravery astounded

Polish soldier Tadeusz Kosciuszko, who went to fight with George Washington's troops for independence against Britain, was astounded at the bravery he witnessed on the part of the Jewish volunteers. The unflattering jibes he was familiar with from his own forces were belied. When he returned to Poland to organize armed resistance against further Prussian and Russian designs, Kosciuszko was determined not to spurn Jewish efforts. In his movement's official Gazeta Rzadowa, he announced in September 1794 that the liberation of Poland from foreign domination would improve the status of the country's Jews. At the time, only France allowed Jews into its armies.

Lithuanian-born Yoselowich visited Paris on the eve of the French Revolution in his capacity as court advisor to the bishop of Vilna; he was struck by the heady sentiments of equality, fraternity and liberty pervading the capital. These he took with him to his new home in Warsaw, where he followed parliamentary debate on the status of Poland's Jews with mounting interest. Kosciuszko's 1794 Gazeta announcement provided the spark; the uprising he led immediately afterwards against the Russian army drew many of Warsaw's Jews.

Separate unit

Yoselowich, borrowing an allusion from prayer, exhorted his fellow Jews to fight "like lions and leopards" against the Russians. He and Josef Aronwich asked Kosciuzko's permission to form a separate Jewish fighting unit, a light cavalry regiment. The delighted Pole praised their initiative. Yoselowich, made commander, launched a drive to collect money from the city's Jews for arms. On Oct. 1, 1794, he issued a call in Yiddish for volunteers. Some 500 Jews signed up, and hurled themselves against the overwhelming Russian forces. Most died in the desperate battle.

Kosciuszko was wounded and taken a prisoner to Russia. Yoselowich fled through Austria to France, and prepared to fight again. Along with other emigres, he entered the cavalry of Napoleon's Polish Legion, fighting valiantly in the years ahead.

Yoselowich was awarded the Legion of Honor and made captain of a dragoon regiment. Defeating army after army, Napoleon reached western Poland; in 1807, he created the Duchy of Warsaw. Yoselowich was promoted to squadron leader and his detachment incorporated into the regular Polish army. Polish liberals and assimilationists applauded, while others grumbled. The latter could do little as long as Napoleon was in control.

Yoselowich was at the head of two squadrons of Polish Prince Poniatowski's army in 1909, heavily outnumbered against the Austrians, when he was killed in the battle of Kock. A famous portrait of him — uniformed, with jaunty moustache, sabre in hand, and atop a powerful steed — jarred the incredulous into reconsidering their long held opinion of Jews as soldiers.

His son Yossel organized a regiment of 850 Jewish boys in 1830, who served in Warsaw's national guard. The bravery of the "Beardlings," who ate only kosher food and rested on Shabbat, prompted grudging admiration from Poland's commander-in-chief.

Poland recognized its Jewish subjects' bravery . . . if only temporarily.

Congress' international affairs mandate

CJC played vital Ethiopia role

MONTREAL —

Visits to Jewish villages in Ethiopia by Alan Rose, CJC executive vice-president, and his contact with Ethiopian government officials helped lead to arrangements facilitating the entry of the American Joint Distribution Committee to Gondar province.

Since then, the JDC has helped sustain these Jewish villagers in the strife- and famine-afflicted land — another achievement for the Canadian Jewish Congress in its international affairs mandate.

Meanwhile CJC's close cooperation with JIAS in respect to the 50 Ethiopian Jews who entered Canada continues. The CJC Ethiopian Jewry Committee, under the chairmanship of Stan Cytrynbaum, is active in spreading information on the origins and current status of Beta Israel.

Congress maintains extensive communication with the department of external affairs, foreign government and the World Jewish Congress about its concerns in the international arena. The following is a summary of such activities since the last CJC plenary assembly three years ago:

• East Germany: At CJC's request, the department of external affairs has for some years made representations to East Germany, asking that moral restitution in material form should be paid to the Jewish people. A number of meetings have been held with the East German embassy in Washington (accredited to Canada). Rose visited the foreign office in Berlin, accompanied by the Canadian ambassador who formally supported the CJC claim on behalf of Canada.

• Cuba: CJC continues to send to the Cuban Jewish community religious requisites for Passover and maintains an ongoing relationship with its leadership.

• CJC has been active in pressing the Austrian government to make restitution of arts objects, books, etc., belonging to Jews and their heirs, which are now in the custody of the Austrian state. Arrangements have now been made to return such objects to their rightful owners or heirs. Further information may be obtained from CJC. The cutoff date is Sept. 30, 1986.

• West German Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia: CJC has made a number of representations to the embassy of West Germany on proposed arms sales to Saudi Arabia. CJC regards such sales as morally indefensible and has informed the West German government accordingly.

• Poland: Representations were made to the Polish government concerning Judaica and Hebraica which have been claimed by Canadian citizens of Polish Jewish origin. This matter is now being negotiated by the World Jewish Congress on behalf of the Jewish people.

• Lebanon: CJC has been in contact with the department of external affairs about seven Jewish leaders kidnapped by Islamic extremists in Lebanon. At the writing, two have been murdered.

1973 murders of two American diplomats

U.S. won't seek Arafat prosecution

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The justice department has notified Congress that it will not seek the prosecution of PLO chief Yasser Arafat for the 1973 murders of two American diplomats in the Sudan.

Maintaining that laws enacted over the last decade for prosecuting suspects in the murders of Americans abroad could not be applied retroactively, Assistant Attorney-General John Bolton informed Congress that no arrest warrant would be issued.

A letter signed by 44 senators last February called on Attorney-General Edwin Meese to investigate allegations that Arafat directed the killings of U.S. ambassador in Khartoum Cleo Noel and charge d'affaires Curtis Moore on May 2, 1973. Senators Frank Leutenberg and Charles Grassley, the two who initiated the letter, subsequently sent Meese a declassified 1975 study conducted for the Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency, which asserts that the murders were "approved by Arafat."

Also pressing for an investigation into the alleged role of Arafat have been the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think-tank, and the National Jewish Coalition.

In the justice department's letter to Congress, Bolton maintained that the U.S. lacked legal jurisdiction and sufficient evidence to seek Arafat's prosecution for the two murders. He said that retroactively applying a 1976 law on prosecuting suspects in terrorist killings overseas would violate the constitution.

In view of the lack of jurisdiction, Bolton said, "undertaking an exhaustive global search for additional detailed evidence of Arafat's complicity in the 1973 murders would divert precious investigative resources which we must devote to locating and apprehending those responsible for terrorist attacks in cases where we do have jurisdiction."

Among the cases, he noted, were the hijacking of TWA airliner 847 in June 1985, in which an American Navy diver was killed, and last October's hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro, in which an elderly American Jew, Leon Klinghoffer, was murdered. Some have asserted that Arafat had a direct role in the Achille Lauro operation.

Pesach items sent to Cuba

MONTREAL —

As has been the custom for many years, a gift of Passover foodstuffs and supplies was shipped to Cuba's 925-member Jewish community through a project of the Religious Affairs Department of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The shipment included almost 1,500 kilograms of matzoh and 1,000 kg of matzoh meal, as well as 1,000 bottles of wine and 3,600 litres of cooking oil. The gift was worth about $16,000, raised mainly through the annual Mo'ess Chittin campaign conducted by CJC.

Ian Kagedan, director of the religious affairs department, said, "The oil is of particular importance, as lard is the most readily available shortening in Cuba. Therefore sufficient quantities of oil were sent to serve the needs of the community for a year."

He said the Cuban Jewish community, most of which is resident in Havana, is an aging community, but has five synagogues, fraternal societies and schools supported by the state. He added that the Cuban authorities have sanctioned the Canadian Jewish community's project and were cooperative in supplying an import permit.

Cuban Jews cannot obtain kosher products from the United States because of the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba. Although they are too few to make local production of Passover and other kosher supplies, they do have access to kosher meat, said Kagedan.

CJC also expressed its appreciation to the supplier, Bill Winikoff of Allied Foods Distribution in Montreal, who was able to ensure that the gift reached its destination before Passover.

Pentagon may be opening purchase office in Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

The Pentagon may open a purchase office in Israel, the Voice of Israel radio reported recently. According to the report, the possibility became real, after a favorable reply by the U.S. to a request forwarded by Premier Shimon Peres in his recent visit to the U.S. to increase purchases in Israel by U.S. army units stationed in Europe.

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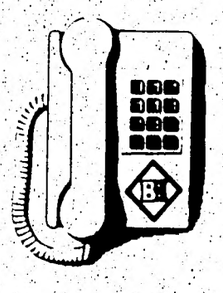

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Editorial

Healing exercise

We are surprised but nonetheless pleased by the recent visit which Pope John Paul II made to the main synagogue of Rome. Television news photos of the pontiff and the Chief Rabbi of Rome walking to the bimah accompanied by the singing of Hallelujah in the Italian nusah or melody were scenes that would have startled previous generations of both Jews and Christians.

The record of the Roman Catholic church towards the Jewish people, historically speaking, has not been, to put it mildly, brotherly. To rehearse the details of that sad odyssey would, however, be indiscreet. The Pope's visit to the synagogue, and the words he spoke there, moreover, suggest that the dark chapters can recede quickly into the interstices of the past.

Pope John Paul not only spoke; he also listened — as Giacomo Saban, president of the Rome Jewish community, reviewed, in some poignant detail, the long centuries of suffering which Jews underwent in the Roman city. Saban did not hesitate, moreover, to lament Rome's attitudes towards the State of Israel.

In his historic response the Pope referred to Jews as "our dearly beloved brothers and, in a certain way, it could be said that you are our elder brothers." He also addressed clearly the persecutions which the church had been responsible for. To his mea culpa he also added pleas for reconciliation and went on record as deploring anti-semitism from any quarter.

While avoiding with great tact the issue of the Vatican's relations to Israel the Pope went out of his way to stress the complementarity between Judaism and Christianity. "The Jews are beloved of God," he said, "who has called them with an irrevocable calling."

Much remains, of course, in the healing process that is necessary to bridge the 2,000-year-old chasm which has divided Judaism's elder brothers from Christianity's younger ones. The Pope's visit cannot in and of itself suture all the wounds. His dramatic presence in a Rome synagogue in 1986 will do much, nonetheless, in initiating the rapprochement so important in the healing exercise.

The first volley

The United States governments over the past decade-and-a-half have been slow to anger. Since 1969 Libya, under the mercurial leadership of Colonel Qadaffi, has set in motion terrorist acts against the United States which have brought destruction of property, maimings and deaths.

The Carter and Reagan administrations were loath to respond directly to the provocations, preferring recourse to other means of persuasion. Under President Reagan, especially, the United States used diplomatic and economic pressures to urge on the Libyans to a more civilized conduct.

Nothing worked. Libya, bloated by its oil wealth, and prisoner of Qadaffi's ideological fanaticism, continued to make war on American citizens (and on its own in and outside of the country) directly and through its Palestinian proxies.

The attack on the American soldiers in Berlin was the immediate cause of President Reagan's decision to unleash elements of the Sixth Fleet for an assault on Tripoli. That decision, however, was based on the President's perception that this was merely another in a long line of hostile acts perpetuated against Americans.

Neither the Americans nor any other long time observer of the culture of violence which is endemic in Arab states believes that the attack on Tripoli will arrest all terrorist acts.

The American move against Libya is merely the first volley of response in the war which terrorists have been waging against unarmed civilians, mostly Americans in Europe and the Mideast.

Those who urge a study of the root cause of terrorism among the Arabs — the grievances of the Palestinians in particular — are not wrong in their suggestions. They are wrong, however, if they believe that the thugs and murderers should be permitted to war against innocent people simply because they have a grievance.

They are also wrong if they believe that violence is the only way the Palestinians could keep their cause in the public domain.

Let the Arabs in general and the Libyans and Palestinians in particular try, just for once, a Sadat-style approach to conflict. They would be surprised at the results it would bring.

Lean cuisine displacing shmaltz

Nutrition enters our kitchens

THE JEWISH WORLD

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Hearken diligently unto Me and eat ye that which is good! — Isaiah 55:12

Food, wonderful, delicious food, has a place of honor in Jewish tradition.

Down through the ages, from biblical times, food has been alluded to with reverence and respect. It is hardly surprising that the Promised Land was described as the Land of Milk and Honey, and that a psalmist rhapsodized: "Stay me with flagons and comfort me with apples."

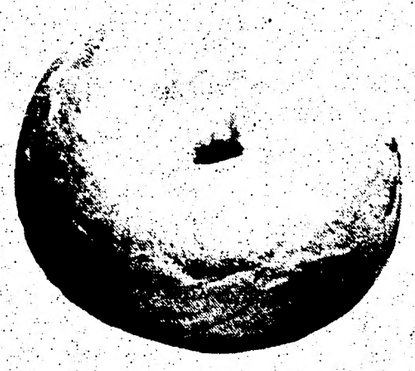
But as important as food was in Judaic practice, there were many periods in Jewish history when dire shortages caused untold suffering.

Deprivation and disease, however, reinforced the love affair Jews have with food. As the twin evils of poverty and persecution ground down the masses of Jews in Eastern and Central Europe, they placed even greater emphasis on food.

Even after they immigrated to North America, Jewish immigrants were still weighed down by debilitating poverty. According to the historian Irving Howe, malnutrition was rampant among newly arrived Jews before and after the turn of this century. And as Stella Hope Page writes in a recent piece in the Long Island Jewish World, the majority of Jews during the first generation of the immigrant experience simply exchanged their humble shtetl dwellings for little more than crowded hovels in the slums of New York, Chicago, Philadelphia and other large cities.

During this transitional era, she observes, fatness, far from being scorned, was a sign of affluence. If you were rolling in money, you flaunted your wealth by wearing excess poundage.

"In many old family albums can be seen photographs of those who had made it in ... America," she says.



The frozen bagel... catching on nationally

"There sits the Jewish materfamilias with full bosom thrusting forth... The gold watch chain is stretched across the corpulent abdomen of the paterfamilias, and plump children of assorted sizes and ages are arranged around them."

As Jews prospered, moved out of the slums and achieved middle-class status, they were able to spend more disposable income on food. More often than not, they consumed fat-laden food, like kugels, kishke and knishes, that modern nutritionists wouldn't necessarily recommend.

Traditional Jewish cooking wasn't just laden with calories, writes Gila Berkowitz in her recently-published book, *The New Jewish Cuisine (Doubleday, $24.95)*. Rich in cholesterol, salt and refined carbohydrates, Jewish cookery was low in the nutrients provided by green vegetables and fresh fruits.

Many treats of yesteryear on "blacklist"

A typical mother in 1900 would send her children to school with a midmorning snack consisting of a thick slice of bread smothered in chicken fat. Nowadays no Jewish mother in her right mind would dare do that. As Berkowitz points out, "many of these treats of yesteryear are on the nutritionists' blacklist today."

Although the basic North American Jewish diet is still calorically excessive and high in fat, sodium and sugar, Jewish cooking has undergone something of a gradual revolution in recent decades.

Staples ranging from kishke and carrot stew to gefilte fish are cooked at home on special occasions only, if at all, Berkowitz states. "Caterers and takeout shops specialize in Old World dishes that once simmered on every kosher stove. The staff of life has become the stuff of nostalgia."

Berkowitz, whose fine book contains inventive recipes from around the world designed for those who prefer lean cuisine, is essentially correct in saying that your grandmother would feel strange in today's kosher kitchen.

Generally speaking, yogurt has replaced sour cream; light vegetable oil has taken the place of animal fats; turkey and tofu have edged out goose and goat. Meat and fish are broiled and baked instead of boiled. Exotic vegetables are lightly cooked or eaten raw.

And the contemporary Jewish cook makes daily use of herbs and spices, such as curry, corriander and basil, that would make your Ashkenazic grandmother wince. (Sephardic Jews, of course, are not unfamiliar with the fragrant herbs and spices of the Orient.)

The typical Jewish diet may be changing, but certain quintessential Jewish foods transcend time, space and custom. Take blintzes and pastrami. Such has been their enduring popularity that they've been institutionalized in North Americans' eating patterns.

And bagels, as the latest food war in the U.S. indicates, are also increasingly popular.

Until quite recently, the lucrative frozen bagel market was more or less dominated by a New Haven-based company, Lender's. But now, Sara Lee, fresh from its success in marketing frozen croissants, has turned its attention to the bagel, according to The Jewish Monthly.

Last September, Sara Lee, having acquired a bagel-making factory in the unlikely state of South Carolina, introduced "Bagel Time Bagel."

But Lender's is not particularly worried by the competition. "We're a growth industry," The Jewish Monthly quotes Murray Lender, its chairman, as saying. "Most people in America don't eat bagels yet."

Peg Ransom, a Sara Lee spokesperson, agrees: "The bagel has some parallels with our croissant. It started with an ethnic origin and is becoming national."

Sara Lee and Lender bagels are certifiably kosher.

CHANGE AND CONTINUITY

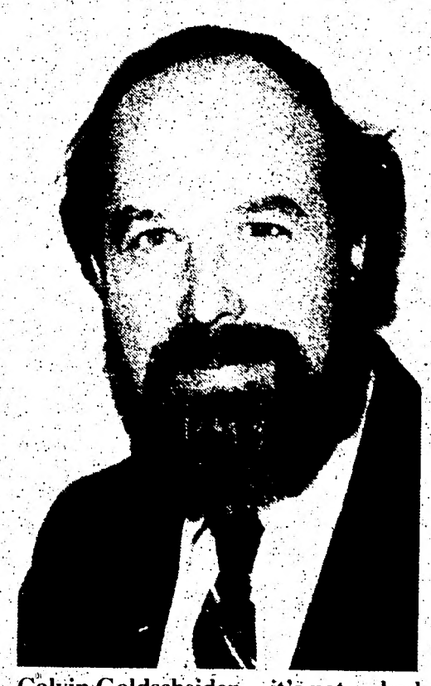
In a sense, the rise to national prominence of the frozen bagel is a function of the extent to which Jews have become acculturized in American society.

As Brown University sociologist Calvin Goldscheider says in a new book, *Jewish Continuity and Change: Emerging Patterns in America (Indiana University Press, $24.95)*, the Jewish community has been transformed in the last century.

"Whether judged by population growth, educational attainment, occupational achievement, residential distribution, marriage and family patterns, religious behavior, or organizational structure, the American Jewish community in the 1980s is radically different from the immigrant community of Jews in late 19th century America."

Goldscheider makes several points.

He rejects the theory that intermarriage is sapping the vitality of American Jewry. Indeed, he believes that the community gains rather than loses members through intermarriage and conversion.



Calvin Goldscheider... it's not so bad

As he puts it: "There is a relationship between intermarriage and Jewish discontinuity, but it is weak and growing weaker. The data show that intermarriage is not necessarily the final step toward total assimilation."

At the national and local levels, all the evidence points to higher levels of education attained by Jews compared to non-Jews, the concentration of Jewish men in white-collar occupations, and the higher income of Jews than non-Jews.

Most Jews, Goldscheider adds, have a wide range of ties to Jewishness. And while young Jews tend to have weaker links to religious and social dimensions of Jewishness, they exhibit strong family ties, friendship patterns and ethnic-Jewish attachments.

He concludes by asserting that there is "much greater cohesiveness" in the Jewish community than is often portrayed. "Change — whether referred to as assimilation or aculturalization — has reinforced ethnic-communal identification. The modernization of American Jews has been so far a challenge, not a threat, to continuity."

In short, the American Jewish community represents for Jews (and other ethnic minorities) "a paradigm of continuity and change in modern pluralistic society."

The doomsayers who predict the demise of U.S. Jewry through social attrition should take note.

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Denazification provisions of postwar agreement

Does Kurt Waldheim's candidacy violate treaty?

Waldheim election billboard in Vienna is smeared with swastika. [Religious News Service photo]

By
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As evidence continues to mount on Kurt Waldheim's activities during World War II, it is interesting to note that his presidential candidacy and possible victory next week would appear to be a violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of denazification provisions of a major international agreement and the country's constitution.

The role of president of Austria is similar to that of the monarch in Britain and Canada or the President of Israel. The Austrian president is the head of state and in that position must be above politics as the protector of the constitution.

What Austrians would be getting as their head of state is a man who has engaged in a pattern of lies over decades to cover up his complete war record, claiming that his military service ended in 1941 when he was wounded on the Eastern front.

As New York Congressman Stephen Solarz said recently, the former UN secretary-general's deceit "strongly suggests that he was involved in activities while on active duty in the Balkans, which, if they had become public would have become a serious source of political embarrassment at best and which might have subjected him to possible legal proceedings as a war criminal at worst." Waldheim is clearly not a man above suspicion.

Some history: At the end of World War II, Austria was occupied by the U.S., the Soviet Union, Britain and France. For 10 years, the Austrian government sought an agreement restoring the country's complete sovereignty and the withdrawal of the wartime allies. But it was not until two years after Stalin's passing that Moscow was ready to negotiate seriously. In May, 1955, the four powers and Austria signed the State Treaty of Vienna and the last foreign troops left the country soon after the treaty came into effect in July of that year.

Accompanying the treaty, the Constitution Law on the Neutrality of Austria was passed by the Austrian parliament. Both the latter and the State Treaty of Vienna are integral parts of the country's constitution.

Among the most provisions in the treaty are denazification clauses reflecting the wartime allies' well-founded apprehensions about the widespread support in Austria for Nazism and the Anschluss, the forced union with Nazi Germany in 1938.

(The Austrians were particularly eager participants in the Final Solution. In his 1985 book, Diaspora, Howard Sachar writes: "Following the Anschluss and the outbreak of the war, when Austria comprised 8% of the Greater Reich, about a third of the functionaries working for the SS extermination program were Austrians, and almost half the six million Jewish victims of the Final Solution ultimately were killed by Austrians.")

Part I, Article 9 of the State Treaty entitled "Dissolution of Nazi Organizations," states in part that "Austria shall also continue the efforts to eliminate from Austrian politics, economic and cultural life all traces of Nazism, to ensure that (Nazi political, military and paramilitary) organizations are not revived in any form, and to prevent all Nazi and militarist activity and propaganda in Austria."

Was member of Brownshirts

Then there is Part II of the treaty on "Military and Air Clauses." Article 12 is entitled Prohibition of Service in the Austrian Armed Forces of Former Members of Nazi Organizations, etc. It states: The following shall in no case be permitted to serve in the Austrian armed forces... With the exception of any persons who have been exonerated by the appropriate body in accordance with Austrian law, Austrian nationals following within the following categories: (a) Persons who at any time belonged to the National Socialist Party (NSDAP), or the SS, SA, or SD organizations; the Secret State Police (Gestapo); the National Socialist Soldiers Association; or the National Socialist Officers Association."

What has definitely been proven is that Waldheim was a member of the Sturmabteilung or SA (the paramilitary organization known as the Brownshirts), and the National Socialist Student Organization. The Austrian president is of course formal commander of the country's armed forces, and therefore a member *par excellence* of those forces.

Waldheim also served as a senior intelligence officer in Yugoslavia and Greece reporting directly to the general staff headed by General Alexander Lohr who was hanged in 1947 for war crimes. (Forces under Lohr's command carried out deportations of Greek Jews to the death camps and committed savage massacres of civilians in response to partisan action in Yugoslavia.)

What Waldheim did in the Balkans is still not yet clear. He has admitted serving under Lohr but has said variously that he served in a minor capacity as an ordnance officer and interpreter or analyzing enemy troop movements. He is alleged to have taken part in massacres of civilians in Yugoslavia in 1942 and have given the orders for specific reprisal measures in 1944 in that country.

Based on what is known, it seems impossible that the four nations which signed the State Treaty of Vienna with Austria in 1955 would have ever expected someone like Waldheim to assume the presidency. In the current situation, the wartime allies have not raised their voices, and they are not given to acting in concert these days.

It is certain that if what is known about Waldheim today had been known in 1972, he would not have even been considered as a serious candidate for the post of UN secretary-general.

Waldheim as president would seriously place in question Austria's fulfilling its responsibilities under the State Treaty. But so far there is no talk of the Austrian parliament disallowing his candidacy or impeaching him if he wins.

As Sachar says, denazification in Austria has not been taken seriously: "Not less than 35 organizations in Austria were known to be anti-semitic, and 20 of them were actively engaged in promoting their ideals. While none occupied a major position in public life, they functioned in a climate of official indifference — unlike Germany, where such groups, if not actually outlawed, were watched closely."

And now it appears from the polls that Kurt Waldheim could assume a major position in public life — the very top position — as has been said, *not in spite of his past, but because of his past.* Is this really what most Austrians desire? If so, the appropriate conclusion will be drawn.

Integrated approach urged in treatment

Eating disorders, affluence linked

LORI SHEKTER-WOLFSON, coordinator of family services, Eating Disorder Centre of Toronto General Hospital, discusses the increase in the prevalence of anorexia nervosa. Jews as well as non-Jews are affected.

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The headlines say it all:

"Joey Heatherton anorexia tragedy — Her legs are matchsticks — Her face like a death mask," states the National Enquirer.

"Top skater comes back after war with anorexia," says the Toronto Star.

"Eating disorders more widespread — 'Gorge-and-purge' parties show anorexia, bulimia are 'in thing,' " says another Star headline.

What are these eating disorders that killed Karen Carpenter, plagued Jane Fonda for years, motivated Cherry Boone to write a book, and recently hospitalized Joey Heatherton? Once glamorized as the "golden girl's disease" (Playgirl 1975), it seemed to selectively befall the young, rich and beautiful. However, this is slowly changing.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are severe, complex psychological eating disorders. Anorexia is characterized by self-imposed starvation due to a relentless pursuit of thinness and an irrational fear of fatness. It involves a significant loss of normal body weight.

Bulimia is characterized by episodic vomiting of binging large quantities of food and purging (such as vomiting or taking large amounts of laxatives). This results in a sense of loss of control and depressive moods. Bulimia may occur without significant weight loss, or it may occur with anorexic individuals.

Not a recent phenomemon, Dr. Richard Morton of the British College of Physicians wrote, in 1689, about an 18-year-old girl who suffered from "a nervous consumption due to sadness and anxiety cares," describing his patient as a "skeleton only clad with skin." However, during the last decade, the number of reported cases has increased at alarming rates. It is estimated that 50,000 young Canadians are currently suffering from these disorders. What is even more alarming is the significant mortality rate of about 5% to 10%.

The increase in the prevalence of anorexia nervosa has been attributed in part to heightened sociocultural pressures on women to diet. The media tend to project the image of a successful woman as being both thin and attractive. Drs. Paul Garfinkel and David Garner of Toronto General Hospital, well known authors and practitioners in the field, confirmed this view by collecting data from Playboy Magazine centrefolds and Miss America pageant winners over a 20-year period from 1959 to 1978. Their research indicated a preference for a thinner shape in the latter years, with decreasing bust and hip measurements. This "ideal" shape is in contrast to the adjusted insurance tables indicating that the average weight for women under 30 has actually increased over the same period.

Anorexia nervosa and bulimia are more prevalent in women, who account for 90 to 95% of known cases, and the age of onset occurs most often at 14 or 18, although there have been reported cases of younger children, as well as women over 25. There also appears to be an over-representation of eating disorders among the upper social classes, although again, it is currently becoming more common in the lower socio-economic population.

While religion itself is not a factor in determining high risk groups, data collected by Drs. Garfinkel and Garner at Toronto's Clarke Institute of Psychiatry during the 1970s showed that 18% of the 207 patients seen for treatment and consultation were Jewish. The remainder of the sample reported 19% Catholic, 41% Protestant, and 22% other or no religion. The large percentage of Jewish patients compared to the general population may simply reflect a correlation between anorexia and a higher socio-economic status.

There is no single cause of anorexia nervosa or bulimia. However, there are certain factors that may suggest a predisposition. These include low self-esteem, an overwhelming sense of ineffectiveness, fear of maturing or growing up, cultural pressures for thinness and a particular difficulty some girls have in psychologically separating from their families, referring both to the emotional aspects, as well as the physical act of leaving home.

The role of the family is crucial in both understanding and treating the eating disorder patient, regardless of the age of the child. Some of the issues they need to address include: how involved the family is with the "sick" child, the need for the family to always present a strong united front, and the degree of difficulty the family has in adjusting to the changes in the family cycle (i.e. children moving into adulthood).

Treatment for these eating disorders, like the causes, are multidimensional. They include restoring the child to proper weight and the establishing of proper eating patterns, medical supervision, individual, family and group therapies, which can also include self-help groups. Tragically, anorexics often do not know, or will not accept the fact that they are ill. Therefore, parents and friends should be aware of the danger signs and symptoms:

- 1. A cutback in all carbohydrate foods. Some anorexics also give up meat completely and become vegetarian.
- 2. Large quantities of food disappearing from the kitchen, and the child spending a great deal of time in the bathroom. Many bulemics binge in secrecy and then go to the bathroom to purge.
- 3. Increased amounts of exercise. Some anorexics exercise up to three to four hours per day.
- 4. A distortion of body image. Even if an anorexic is very thin, she insists that she still needs to lose a few more pounds.
- 5. Sleep disturbance, such as insomnia or early morning awakening.
- 6. Social withdrawal. The anorexic no longer wants to go out or feels comfortable with friends.

It is imperative, for optimum treatment, that early referral be made for professional help. The Health League of Canada has recently established an Eating Disorder Information Centre in Toronto that provides reading material and a list of available community resources. If you suspect that a member of your family may be suffering from one of these disorders, I urge you to contact one of the community resources such as Jewish Family & Child Service (a member agency of United Way) or your family doctor immediately.

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Opinion

25th anniversary of trial in Jerusalem

"Transportation officer" Eichmann felt no remorse

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Twenty five years ago last month, a trial which dredged up all the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust got under way in a Jerusalem district court. When it was over, eight months later, the defendant was found guilty of all the charges and sentenced to death.

He appealed, but the Israeli Supreme Court dismissed the appeal. The state President rejected his plea for clemency.

Adolf Otto Eichmann, the Nazi officer who organized the deportation of Jews from central Europe to the death camps of Poland, was hanged shortly afterward.

His body having been cremated, Eichmann's ashes were scattered over the Mediterranean Sea, the body of water he had seen in 1938 when, as one of the Nazis' Jewish experts, he had been dispatched to Palestine to further his understanding, such as it was, of Jews.

It is not clear whether Eichmann ever really understood the Jews. His knowledge of Jewish history was spotty at best and his grasp of Yiddish and Hebrew was shaky. But, in the pantheon of Nazism, Eichmann was an authority.

No one knows whether Eichmann's familiarity with Jewish affairs reinforced or weakened his commitment to Hitler's genocidal policies. But it hardly matters. Eichmann, whom political philosopher Hannah Arendt described as a "man with an unspotted conscience... incapable of telling right from wrong," carried out his tasks with a Germanic zealousness and efficiency which doomed countless Jewish communities in Nazi-occupied Europe.

Eichmann, in Arendt's trenchant words, personified the "banality of evil." In his attempt to advance his career, Eichmann performed grisly bureaucratic functions with the detachment of a minor shipping clerk. Indeed, Eichmann claims he was merely a "transportation officer" with "no blood on his hands."

His description of himself is revealing. By all accounts, Eichmann was not an ideological anti-semite like Julius Streicher, the publisher of that crude, obscene publication, Der Sturmer. Avner Less, the Israeli police official who interrogated him, writes in his memoirs that Eichmann did not even consider himself an anti-semite.

We don't know Eichmann's definition of anti-semitism. It may well be that, in his own mind, he was not a hater of Jews. Historians like Christopher Browning have already established that some of the leading Nazis had no particular animus toward Jews, but were nevertheless prepared to sacrifice them on the altar of expediency or personal ambition. Eichmann, the ultimate cold-hearted bureaucrat, may have fitted that mold.

Dieter Wisliceny, one of Eichmann's associates, said before his death by hanging that he was "very cynical" about the Jewish question. "He gave no indication of any human feeling toward these people. He was not immoral; he was amoral and completely ice-cold in his attitude."

Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann during his trial in Jerusalem 25 years ago.

Avner Less, who spent hundreds of hours with the arch persecutor of European Jewry, found Eichmann to be as "cool as a cucumber." And he discovered that Eichmann felt no remorse whatsoever for his crimes. "Remorse," he quoted him as saying, "is only for little children."

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The eldest son of a German Protestant clerk, Eichmann was raised in the Austrian city of Linz, Hitler's birthplace. Eichmann, after an undistinguished career as a traveling salesman, joined the Nazi Party in 1932, a year before Hitler assumed power in Germany.

After receiving his military training in an SS camp, he was assigned to Dachau, a concentration camp near Munich. He joined the SD, the Nazi secret service, and later worked in its Jewish department.

Eichmann set about acquainting himself with Jews and Judaism. The trip he undertook to Palestine was but one facet of his education. After Austria's incorporation into Germany, Eichmann was sent to Vienna to promote Jewish emigration. The Nazis, prior to their invasion of Russia, were still talking in terms of "solving" the Jewish question through emigration. Eichmann himself claims he sought such a "political solution."

In Vienna, Eichmann created the Center for Jewish Emigration, which facilitated the process of expropriation of Jewish property and the expulsion of Jews. He was so successful at his job that similar centres were set up in Prague and Berlin.

During World War II, the highwater mark of his diabolical career, Eichmann rose quickly in the ranks.

In 1941, after being named head of the Gestapo's Jewish affairs section, Eichmann was put in charge of organizing what the Nazis euphemistically referred to as the Final Solution. He held the position until the collapse of the Third Reich.

He was a masterful technician, an organizational genius who spared no effort to commandeer the trains which transported millions of Jews to their annihilation in Poland's concentration camps. Eichmann was particularly zealous in ensuring that the Final Solution was applied in Hungary, the last Nazi satellite to relinquish its Jewish population.

Like many of his fellow Nazis, Eichmann disappeared after the war, only to resurface in Argentina. From 1950 until his capture by Israeli agents in 1960, he lived with his wife and three sons under the assumed name of Ricardo Klement.

Eichmann's abduction caused a storm of controversy. Critics charged that Israel had had no right to abduct him, and Argentina filed a complaint with the United Nations' Security Council. Israel expressed regret to Argentina for having violated its territorial integrity, but went ahead with plans to hold a show trial.

Charged with "crimes against the Jewish people and humanity," Eichmann was defended by Robert Servatius, a Cologne lawyer who had represented Nazi war criminals at the 1946 Nuremberg trial.

Servatius tried to derail the proceedings by a series of deft legal maneuvers. He claimed, for example, that Eichmann could not get a fair hearing since he was being judged by Jews. But the court, presided over by Supreme Court justice Moshe Landau, rejected this and other arguments.

More than 100 witnesses were brought forward to testify against Eichmann. Gideon Hausner, the prosecutor, used some 1,600 primary documents, taken from Nazi archives, to prove Eichmann's guilt.

Servatius and Eichmann did not try to discredit the evidence. But Eichmann attempted to minimize the central role he had played in the destruction of European Jewry. He said he had been only "a small cog" and that he had been following orders. Before the trial, he informed Avner Less that he had obeyed his orders "without thinking. I did just as I was told. That's where I found my fulfilment. It made no difference what the orders were..."

In desperation, Eichmann also shifted a major part of the blame onto his superiors and subordinates. But the ploy did not work.

Eichmann's days were numbered.

The Eichmann trial was not only a delayed act of justice, but an educational experience for the young generation of Jews in Israel and Christians in Germany who knew practically nothing about the Holocaust.

It achieved its goals. It meted out fitting punishment to a mass murderer and it made the world remember what it probably conveniently wanted to forget.

Jewish choir performed for SS officers

Program focuses on Terezin incident

TORONTO —

When Emperor Joseph II built Terezin as a garrison town in 1780, he never dreamed that it would be put to diabolical use. But it was, 161 years later.

Terezin (Theresienstadt in German) became a byword for man's inhumanity against man. Terezin, in Czechoslovakia, became a Nazi ghetto for Jews, an "anteroom to hell."

From the moment in 1941 the Germans turned Terezin into a waystation to Auschwitz, the fate of some 138,000 Jews was sealed. Eighty eight thousand of them were deported east and never seen again, while 33,000 perished in Terezin itself. There were 17,000 survivors when Terezin was liberated in 1945.

Terezin housed largely assimilated Czech, German and Austrian Jews, with a sprinkling of Polish, Hungarian and Danish Jews. Since many of its inmates were artists, writers and scholars, the camp had an unusual cultural life that was completely at odds with what was happening there.

There were orchestras and even an operatic and theatrical troupe.

But the Jews of Terezin, however cultured and civilized, were just as doomed as the Jews of the Warsaw Ghetto.

On Tuesday, May 6, which is Holocaust Remembrance Day, CBC radio's Ideas series is presenting a 1-hour documentary at 9.05 p.m. on a little-known but curiously pathetic incident which occurred in Terezin in the autumn of 1944.

The Terezin Requiem, written by Otto Lowy, tells of how a group of Jews, led by a musician named Rafael Schachter, formed a mixed choir and performed Giuseppe Verdi's Mass for the Dead for a select audience of SS officers.

The Terezin Requiem, which is narrated by Paul Soles and Bronwyn Drainie, with voiceovers by Elizabeth Schwarzkopf, Christa Ludwig, Nicolai Gedda and Nicolai Ghiaurov, builds to an horrific climax.

Conditions in Terezin are described, though not in great detail, before the core of the story is reached.

Terezin was a showpiece ghetto designed to fool naive Red Cross observers who paid occasional visits. To the Germans' cackling delight, they were suitably impressed by the makeshift Jewish musical groups which performed in their honor.

It was amazing that here, in the "sluice gate to Auschwitz," Jewish musicians were able to play Beethoven sonatas on a rusty old piano that had been found in a long-forgotten attic.

Still more amazing was that Schachter and his motley choir agreed to perform for the very men who had condemned them to certain death.

They humbled themselves before the Nazi dignitaries because they could not resist the irony of the situation. At the same time, they knew they would have to pay the ultimate price.

The Mass for the Dead is not only a Christian prayer of deliverance, but a hymn promising God's terrible wrath for those who enslave and violate their fellow human beings.

The Nazis, not considering Jews as humans, were unable to appreciate the real message inherent in the Mass for the Dead.

Among the Nazi officers who gathered to hear Schachter's choir were Adolf Eichmann, the Gestapo's Jewish expert, and Karl Rahm, the commandant of Terezin. Otto Lowy, himself a Czech Jew who now hosts the immensely popular CBC program, *The Transcontinental*, doesn't tell us how the Nazis reacted to that bizarre recital. But he informs us that they kept faith with a promise not to disperse the choir after its performance.

With the day done, all the members of the choir were herded into one cattle car of a train bound for Auschwitz. They perished in that death camp. The Nazis had scrupulously kept their promise. — S.K.

Opinion

Warsaw, my haunting Holocaust spectre . . .

By
J. B. SALSBERG

It's that time of year again when the Jewish spirit oscillates between joy and sorrow in bewildering rapidity.

J.B. Salsberg

We no sooner sing the last chord of the joyous Passover celebration songs, reveling in the retelling of the story of our liberation from Egyptian slavery, than we are plunged into the deepest pit of anguish; Yom Hashoa that recalls the Holocaust, the inhuman Hitlerite slaughter, that extinguished the life of six million — a third of our people of whom a million were children.

But, as the week of Holocaust mourning ends we are spiritually catapulted unto the sunny peaks of Yom Ha'atzmaut (Independence Day), the re-birth of the ancient Jewish state, the birth of Israel.

And, as the Jews were conditioned for 3,000 years to recall the slavery-to-liberation experience year after year, even to the children who take part in the Passover festivity, so it is also being attempted to recall and to re-live communally and privately, the tragic Holocaust ordeal year after year, until the end of time.

But, how can the human mind visualize so monstrous an occurrence as the Holocaust, a tragedy that has no parallel in the past? I imagine that even the "survivors," those who miraculously escaped the Nazi death camps, retain one or two specific nightmarish experiences or observations that become especially imprinted on their minds and that became their individual symbols of the Holocaust.

To some it may be the mind-searing sights of the herding of an entire Jewish community to the death camps; or the brutal shooting of a Jewish mother in bed with her newborn infant and then putting her house to the torch, while the rest of the Jews of the town were forcibly marched off, as happened in Lagov, my birthplace, and as related to me by an elderly Polish woman when I visited the town in 1947; or a gruesome scene of the Warsaw Ghetto; or one of countless other scenes of Nazi beastliness that became indelibly imprinted on one's mind.

It seems to me, one who was not physically involved in the satanic rites of the Holocaust, that one can only comprehend the enormity of the crime by generalizing a personally observed scene of frightfulness as representative of the totality of the otherwise incomprehensible human degeneracy that is referred to as the Holocaust.

On the very personal level, my own reflection of the Holocaust includes my maternal grandmother, Miriam Sheyveh, who, when in her late 80s, was brought to the market square to join her children, grandchildren and the rest of the Jews of Lagov, to be driven like cattle at the gunpoint of German (and some non-German) Nazis; not to a "work camp," as they were told, but to a death camp. (That horrifying scene was described to me in minute detail by non-Jewish elders of the town after the war.)

The same fate befell my late father's family and all the other Jews in the nearby town of Rakov.

Their faces form part of my personal relationship to the Holocaust, especially since I had the opportunity to visit the Jews of both those towns only two weeks before the outbreak of the war.

But, beyond the emotional family link with the Holocaust there is another, and perhaps greater factor that associates me with the Holocaust most profoundly. It is the broader, the all-embracing Jewish national ramification of the Holocaust and its tragic consequences. In a national sense we must recognize that we continue to be influenced by the effect of the Holocaust on the present and the ongoing experience of this, the post-Holocaust generation and, in my view, on the Jewish generations of the future. What, in such an appraisal of the Holocaust, can serve as the national symbol of that unparalleled tragedy that befell our people?

To me personally that symbolic reminder is Warsaw.

When I think, speak or write about the Holocaust I envisage it through the indelible impressions of Warsaw, Jewish Warsaw, as I saw it a few weeks before the war and as I found it immediately after the Holocaust. Jewish Warsaw — a community of some 400,000 people with ancient roots in Poland — though threatened by war clouds, though victimized by official and unofficial anti-semitism, was still the most energetic and most creative Jewish community in all of Europe and, perhaps, in all the world. It was my good fortune to spend the most exhilarating weekend, with the emphasis on the religious as well as secular Shabbes that had a distinctive color, mood and atmosphere of its own. It was a glorious Warsaw (Varshever) Shabbes.

And, I also came face to face with the brain-searing, the never-to-be-forgotten, the nightmarish sight of Warsaw without Jews (but for a tiny remnant of survivors) immediately after the war (1947); the vast area of what was once the dynamic Jewish quarter of Warsaw, the very heart of the thousand-year-old Polish Jewry's culturally rich experience, had become an unbelievable scene of total destruction, of total wasteland, of mountainous rubble.

The sights of post-Holocaust Warsaw taught me the meaning of weeping, of uncontrollable weeping. Nor can I escape that excruciating experience to this very day.

When I recall the Holocuast I conceive it through the prism of my Warsaw experiences. Warsaw remains my symbol of the Holocaust.

Warsaw, Jewish Warsaw, when I weep for you I weep for the six million of our martyred people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address and handwritten signatures.

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HOLIDAYS SPELLED OUT

Anyone who would like to know the exact day of the week of a Jewish holiday for the coming half-year should learn the following mnemonic device, based on the seven days of Pesach.

Ath corresponds to alef, the first day of Pesach, and tet, for Tisha B'Av, which fall on the same day. This year it was Thursday.

Bash corresponds to beth, the second day of Pesach, and sheen, for the first day of Shavuoth. Both on a Friday this year.

And so on:

- Gar — gimmel, third day of Pesach and resh, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, on Shabbat.
- Dack — daleth, 4th day, and koof, kriat Torah or Simchat Torah, Sunday.
- Hetz — hey, 5th day, and tzedee for tsom (fast of) Gedaliah, Monday.
- Vaph — vav, sixth day, and pey, the same day as the preceding Purim, Tuesday.
- Zeh — zayin, seventh day, and ayin, Yom Ha'atzmaut Israel's Independence Day, Wednesday.

Dr. Julius Pfeiffer
Montreal

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PROSECUTOR A PUSSYFOOTER

Re Ron Csillag's April 10 report headed "Ross prosecution still in doubt" and subheaded "NB attorney-general seeks 'outside counsel' ":

As anyone with a grain of intelligence would know, New Brunswick Attorney-General David Clark is just pussyfooting around on the issue of Malcolm Ross, allegedly accused of being author of a book claiming the Holocaust is a hoax and that Jews are out to control the world. Dr. Julius Israeli, the Newcastle, NB professor who initiated the investigation, will probably not receive the promised letter at all.

It seems to be a trend in Canada to let subjects like this slide. The same can be said for prosecution of known war criminals in Canada. (Rauca was the only one deported so far!)

I feel that if we want to prosecute known "hatemongers," we'd be better off dealing with Irwin Cotler of the Jewish Congress, and let Israel prosecute known Nazis. (Sabina Citron did very well in the case of Ernst Zundel!)

If we don't help ourselves, nobody will do it for us.

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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MAPLE TREE ALIYAS

The reports in recent issues of The CJN regarding maple tree being sent to Israel remind me of two other maples that made aliya close to 30 years ago.

After the establishment of the State of Israel — when the original campus of the Hebrew University on Mount Scopus was separated from the state in a barely accessible enclave — the authorities determined that the vital work of the university must go on nevertheless, and a new home was built on Givat Ram, in the heart of new Jerusalem.

The first building on that new campus was Canada Hall, erected with the support of Hadassah-WIZO Canada and with the co-operation of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Two young maple saplings were planted in 1958 at the entrance to Canada Hall and have flourished.

The hall has served tens of thousands of Hebrew University students, myself among them.

I am sure these first two Canadian maples will be happy to welcome their "relative" now coming to Israel, and will wish it the same happy and useful adjustment that they have enjoyed.

Joel Alpert
Executive vice-president
Canadian Friends of
Hebrew University
Toronto

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External Affairs Minister Joe Clark . . . Reader qustions his "too even-handed" policy on terrorism in the Middle East.

CLARK'S "EVEN-HANDED" JUSTICE

I recently asked External Affairs Minister Joe Clark to clarify Canada's so-called "even-handed" approach to Arab terrorism in the Middle East.

I did so after Clark publicly denounced Israel's attack on PLO headquarters in Tunisia, but was silent on the Egyptian-Israel border killings that involved the murder of innocent Israelis on a sailing boat.

In a letter forwarded to Clark via my local MP, John Bosley, who is Speaker of the House, I questioned whether Arab dollars dictated Canada's policy that seems to me *too* even-handed.

In light of Clark's recent 11-day tour of the Middle East, your readers will be interested in the following quotes from Clark's letter in answer to my query:

"You may be sure I am acutely aware that Israel has special concerns for the security of its citizens, whom it has the right and, indeed, responsibility to protect by all legitimate means.

"At the same time, I cannot condone the raid on Tunis, involving the military forces of Israel in action against the territory of another friendly state.

"This was an act which, in my view, risks expanding the area of confrontation in the Middle East, and could have serious repercussions at a time when significant movement toward peace seems a real possibility.

"Ms Fine correctly observes that I did not issue a statement about the event cited by Israel as justification for its action against Tunisia.

"I should explain that it has not been Canadian government practice to respond publicly to each of such incidents, which, as you know, have claimed a distressing toll of lives, Israeli and Arab, within Israel, in the occupied territories and elsewhere.

"I have enclosed a copy of my text condemning the hijacking of the 'Achille Lauro.'

"Canada has been in the forefront of the efforts of the international community to contain and eliminate terrorism wherever it may occur."

Janet Fine
Toronto

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SHE FEELS SPECIAL, TOO

Re Frank Rasky's April 10 interview headed "Mixed blood causes Toronto actress to feel special" and subheaded "Mojica proud of Jewish-Indian heritage":

This note is just to say that Mr. Rasky's tremendously moving article also made me feel special and proud of my Jewish heritage.

Bea Herman
Toronto

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AGING RESEARCH NEEDS AID

The Canadian Geriatrics Research Society has urged special tax relief be given to organizations and individuals supporting research into ailments and afflictions of aging.

In a recent letter to Michael Wilson, minister of finance, the 30-year old society urged "early and earnest" consideration.

We pointed out that prevention is more effective and economical than treatment. The increasing numbers of people living longer present a "devastating drain" on our already overtaxed health care facilities.

Our letter stressed the following point:

"We venture to recommend tax relief consideration be given to individuals and institutions who underwrite research designed to ease, if not eliminate, the ailments and affiliations of aging.

"For over a generation, our organization has had a modest mission to advance geriatrics research. Requests for funding research projects are expanding exponentially, far beyond our present funding resources.

"We feel that with some recognition from government, people and corporations would give more generously."

Donna E. Metcalfe
Executive Director
Canadian Geriatrics
Research Society
Toronto

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"PEACE NOW" AIDS KAHANE

Re the April 3 letter by Prof. Michael Marrus headed "Bromides with tea":

Marrus is correct in stating that Peace Now has the right to be heard. Most Jews who totally reject Peace Now's views, such as myself, respect that right.

However, Rabbi Meir Kahane and the Kach Party have just as much right to be heard as Peace Now, and this is where problems arise.

Fearful of massive and rapidly growing support for the Kach Party, whose policies are based solidly on Judaism, common sense and incontrovertible statistical evidence, Kach's opponents, particularly of the Peace Now stripe, are using blatantly fascist tactics.

These include denying Kach access to the media, launching hysterical campaigns of vilification against Kach, and even pogrom-type violence against Kach supporters.

One Jewish mayor went so far as to publicly urge the murder of Kach supporters!

Ironically, these extremist tactics are contributing to the growth of Kach by proving the ideological and moral bankruptcy of Kach's detractors, who simply can't rationally debate the correctness of Kach's position.

However, these abhorrent tactics do nothing for the cause of free speech.

Like it or not, Kach is destined to play a major role in Israel's future and those who now hold the reins of power will not always be in control.

Unless those presently in power begin immediately to respect the right of their opponents to free speech, they will have little legal or moral basis to demand free speech for themselves when they are in the minority.

Ken Haberman
Toronto

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THANKS FOR ALIYA ARTICLE

In response to Cynthia Gasner's recent article "Aliya group for religious formed," we would like to compliment Mrs. Gasner for a well-written article which described the work of Tehilla clearly and succinctly.

The public meeting with Rabbi Lau, Chief Rabbi of Netanya, was very successful and drew a large audience, despite the inclement weather.

We thank her and The CJN for publicizing Tehilla's activities.

Sharon Benzioni
Toronto

World-National

Festivities for May Day pale in Israel

By
CARL ALPERT

JERUSALEM —

There was a time when May Day was one of the great holidays of Israel, enthusiastically observed by hundreds of thousands of people. They used to pack the sidewalks of Tel Aviv and other cities to watch the passing parade of laborers, proudly marching behind massed banks of bright red flags, in demonstration of their solidarity with the workers of the world.

Things have changed considerably in Israel. This is being written before May 1, but if recent years are any indication, the 1986 May Day will be only a pale of what it used to be. To be sure, most private industries whose employees are organized in the Histadrut, and of course all the major industrial and commercial enterprises owned and operated by the Histadrut itself, will observe the holiday with full shutdown. But almost all stores will be open. Banks will be open.

Government schools are supposed to be open, since this is not a national holiday, but where large numbers of teachers make it known that they will not be reporting for work, the pupils know enough to stay at home.

In many public institutions and government offices a happy compromise has been found. All workers for whom cessation of work on May Day is a matter of personal conscience, may absent themselves. And in order not to penalize the others, it is now common routine to afford the same matter of "conscience" for all who choose not to work on Tisha B'av and everybody is satisfied.

None of the newspapers (except the religious daily, Hatzofeh) publish on this day. The press has pointed out that non-appearance of the papers on May 1 means, in effect, that the journalists and printers don't have to be at work on April 30 — but in order to produce a paper for May 2, they have to work on May Day. There is obviously something illogical in this, but the Histadrut has insisted.

Served notice

Last year one independent daily, Hadashot, whose workers are not organized, served notice that it would publish as usual. This was on the eve of the 1985 Histadrut elections, when the labor federation was spending large sums on political advertising. It has never been confirmed, but stores were told that Hadashot was threatened it would not benefit from the lavish advertising budgets. The upshot was that Hadashot did not appear on May 1, and in the days thereafter its pages were filled with good, profitable Labor advertising.

With the decline of May Day, there has been a corresponding reduction in the display of the red flags. They will be seen on Labor-owned buildings, and here and there out of the windows of the home of some doughty socialists of the old school.

The parades, which used to be the major attraction, have all but disappeared, since the celebrating workmen prefer to go to the beach, especially if it is a warm day. Here and there the Communists still keep the red flag flying, mostly in Arab towns. It is difficult for Israelis of any party or class to display enthusiasm for the same holiday which the Soviet Union makes so much of, with its massed phalanxes of workmen and military men in Red Square.

The public is not permitted to forget. The day before the holiday the Histadrut inserts large display ads in the newspapers, proclaiming the solidarity of the working classes of the world, and calling for demonstrations in support of a just society, peace, security, full employment and fraternity among all peoples. These are usually accompanied by other, smaller ads, inserted by non-Socialist bodies, declaring in large black type: "May Day is not our holiday — and the red flag is not our flag."

The times are changing in Israel. This year the Histadrut officially changed the words of the international labor hymn, The International, droping the anachronistic verses which called upon labor to throw off the chains of their capitalistic oppressors — words which Israel workers used to sing at their gatherings until 1986 — and substituting new verses more pertinent to the Jewish state of our day.

No, despite annual attempts to whip up some old fashioned labor enthusiasm, May Day and the red flag ain't what they used to be in Israel.

Justice department recommendation

U.S. asked to shut out Waldheim

By
UPI and JTA

WASHINGTON —

Former UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim should be barred from the United States because of evidence he was involved in war crimes, the justice department's Nazi-tracking unit has recommended.

Neal Sher, head of the department's Office of Special Investigations, recommended to Attorney-General Edwin Meese that Waldheim be placed on a special "watch list," and kept from entering the United States because of his alleged participation in Nazi atrocities, justice department sources said last week.

The recommendation was based on an OSI review of a secret file on Waldheim from the UN archives in New York. The file was recently turned over to U.S. officials and to the Austrian and Israeli governments, the sources said.

The UN file on Waldheim reportedly shows the UN War Crimes Commission concluded in 1948 there was sufficient evidence to prosecute Waldheim for the murder of Yugoslav partisans during World War II.

The sources said Sher relayed his recommendation to Mark Richard, a deputy assistant attorney-general in the department's criminal division. It will be turned over to Stephen Trott, the deputy attorney-general, before going to Meese for his decision.

Meese, who returned from Europe last weekend, is unlikely to make a decision before this week, the sources said.

The Austrian embassy sought clarification from the state department following disclosure of the Waldheim recommendation. Embassy spokesman Walter Greinert said minister-counselor Adolf Kuen, running the embassy in the absence of the ambassador, paid a call on the state department "just to find out what's going on."

Greinert said the meeting was requested under the instructions of the foreign ministry in Vienna to "verify the information given by the press."

U.S. law provides that any alien who associated with the Nazi government in Germany during World War II, or any government in any area occupied by or allied with the Nazis, can be restricted from entering the United States.

The person would be placed on an Immigration and Naturalization Service watch list and stopped at the border.

In other developments: Austrian President Rudolf Kirchschlaeger said that while Waldheim must have been aware of the German campaign against Yugoslav partisans during World War II, he found no connection between Waldheim and the deportation of Greek Jews from Salonika.

The Austrian president, in a 20-minute speech to the nation broadcast over national television, said that his review of documents from the United Nations archives and the World Jewish Congress on Waldheim's wartime activities led him to the conclusion that, "If I would act as a public prosecutor, I would not dare to lay down an indictment on those documents."

Kirschschlaeger, at the same time, also expressed his concern about an unleashing of a wave of anti-semitism in Austria. Saying that the tension caused by the media's reportage of the allegations against Waldheim had led Austrians to interpret the coverage as a meddling in Austrian affairs, he appealed to all Austrians, and especially to those holding political office, to calm such sentiments. "Anti-Jewish sentiments never did any good in our history," he declared, "And besides that, they are deeply inhumane."

Waldheim, the conservative People's Party candidate in the current presidential election, said the campaign against him had finally collapsed. He said that with the president's statements, "all accusations against me have collapsed, and I hope that now, in the last phase of the election campaign, we can concentrate constructively on the real problems."

Kirchschlaeger said the charges against Waldheim were full of questions and that the key witness against him in the Yugoslav documents issued through the UN archives "wanted to improve his own position charging other German soldiers."

• Waldheim's son asserted in Washington that his father was never a Nazi and was never involved in Nazi atrocities during World War II or in attempts to cover up such atrocities.

"I know very well my father has a clear conscience," Gerhard Waldheim, an Austrian banker, told a press conference at the National Press Club.

The younger Waldheim, who was born in 1948, charged that there were "other issues" behind the WJC charges, which he called "baseless."

• Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress, described Waldheim as "a man who is a proven liar" and "unrepentant of his past activities" in a letter to Secretary of State George Shultz. The letter was released by the WJC.

Bronfman, who sent a copy of the letter to Attorney-General Meese, noted that despite Waldheim's wartime activities, he is running for the presidency of Austria and that "clearly we can survive his presidency . . . but, it would be a blot on the record of decency, which the United States of America stands for."

In his letter, Bronfman referred to the revelations that Waldheim's Nazi military unit carried out atrocities against Yugoslav and Greek civilians. "Too many Americans, too many Yugoslavs, too many Greeks, too many people were tortured and killed under the worst circumstances possible for our country, which stands for the best in human aspirations, to simply stand by with the knowledge we have of Waldheim's wartime activities, without meaningful protest."

• Premier Andreas Papandreou of Greece was urged to launch an investigation into allegations implicating Waldheim in the slaughter and deportation of Greek citizens while the former UN secretary-general was based near Salonika as a Wehrmacht officer.

In a cable to the Greek premier, James Demos, president of the Hellenic Freedom Foundation in the United States, voiced the concern of many Greek Americans that the matter be handled properly, and urged that the Papandreou government investigate what role, if any, Waldheim played "in the slaughtering of over 6,000 Greek Jews, Cretans and partisans on Crete. . . ."

• The American Jewish Congress, acting on behalf of the World Jewish Congress, asked a federal court to force the United States army and state department to release documents dealing with Waldheim.

In a complaint filed in the U.S. district court for the southern district of New York, AJCongress noted that, although the World Jewish Congress had filed a request on Feb. 10 under the Freedom of Information Act, the army and state department had failed to provide access to the records.

• The storm over Waldheim's wartime activities swept into the chambers of the U.S. House of Representatives, with new allegations and calls for criminal proceedings.

Testifying at a sparsely attended but nonetheless animated hearing of the foreign affairs subcommittee on human rights and international organizations, Stephen Solarz called for an international tribunal to review his military activities.

Solarz also called for a state department investigation into "what, if anything, our intelligence services actually did when investigating Mr. Waldheim before he was approved as UN secretary-general."

Solarz said he had asked the Central Intelligence Agency, in 1980, to undertake an investigation of Waldheim's past and received a response that "looked as if it had come off Mr. Waldheim's Xerox machine." He called the CIA investigation "incompetent at best, and indifferent at worst."

Solarz also urged the justice department to undertake an inquiry to determine whether to bar Waldheim from entering the country.

• Testifying at the same hearing, Rabbi Marvin Hier, dean of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, disclosed information that suggested Waldheim was an admirer of the Greater Reich notion that served as the basis of Austria's absorption into the Third Reich.

He said that the topic of Waldheim's doctoral dessertation at the University of Vienna was the writings of the 13th century thinker Konstantin Frantz, "a notorious anti-semite who believed, one way or another, that the Jewish question would have to be solved, either, as he put it, by chopping off the head of every Jew and replacing it with a head that does not refer back to the Talmud, or by driving the lot out to Palestine."

Hier maintained that, although Waldheim made no reference to Frantz' anti-semitic statements, "his dissertation extols and endorses Frantz's Greater Reich concept."

Hebron rally angers Peace Now movement

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Thousands of nationalist Israelis jammed Hebron Sunday in response to a Gush Emunim call for a mass visit to the West Bank Arab city to prove, as one spokesman said, that Hebron is Jewish.

The visit was in effect a giant political rally by right wing and religious partisans in the guise of a Passover "tour" and it infuriated the Peace Now movement which had canceled plans for counter-demonstrations at the behest of Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Political rallies have been banned in West Bank towns.

The event coincided with the 18th anniversary of the first Jewish "settlement" in Hebron during the Passover week of 1968. At that time, Gush Emunim leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger brought a small group to Hebron ostensibly for a seder at a local hotel. They remained in the town as squatters, defying the government to evict them.

Passions ran high Sunday because of the stabbing last Friday of a Jewish youth, Uri Yifrah, 16, of nearby Kiryat Arba. He sustained slight wounds when an Arab knifed him in the Hebron market place. One right wing politician, Geula Cohen of the Tehiya Party, held Peace Now responsible for the incident because they allegedly meet with Palestinian Liberation Organization representatives and "show the Arabs of Hebron they could raise their heads."

The defence ministry has been allowing Jewish settlers and their supporters to conduct "holiday tours" of Hebron if they promise not to take advantage of the occasion for political rallies. But the leftist Civil Rights Movement (CRM), was banned from holding anti-Gush counter-demonstrations which they said were intended to prove that Jews and Arabs can co-exist peacefully.

Individual members of the CRM and Peace Now visited Hebron Sunday under heavy police guard. They were vastly outnumbered by the Gush Emunim supporters who hurled epithets such as "traitor" and "Arab lover" at them. There were no incidents however. The only arrest was of a man handing out leaflets for Rabbi Meir Kahane's extremist Kach Party near the Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Peace Now meanwhile has accused Rabin of giving in to "pressure and blackmail" by people who "violated the law and practiced violence." Tension between right wingers and Peace Now has been mounting since Rabin allowed the peace movement to hold a conference recently parallel to the Tehiya Party convention in Kiryat Arba.

Suspects released in bakery fires

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Three residents of the West Bank Arab town of Kalkilya, employed at the Matzot Israel factory in Petah Tikva, have been detained but released on bail pending completion of a police investigation into suspicions that they had set two fires at the matzoh-baking factory on March 25 and some six weeks previously.

Another fire also broke out recently at the Aviv Matzoh factory, owned by the same groups of families.

The Petah Tikva magistrate rejected police demands that they be held in custody, on the grounds that the suspicions at present were based on polygraph tests which the court held should be treated with reservations.

Police sources say investigators are still uncertain whether the suspects had set the fire for pro-Arab nationaloistic reasons or because of a quarrel with their employers.

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Crosbie to propose hate law changes

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Justice Minister John Crosbie proposes to amend the Criminal Code so that it will no longer be necessary to prove an accused "wilfully" intended to promote hatred in order to obtain a conviction, according to a recently released government report.

"Wilfully," in the context of s. 281.2, means the accused specifically intended to promote hatred. This is called "specific intent" and refers to the intending the consequences of an act, versus ordinary intent, where you merely intend the act.)

Equality Now! Progess Report, prepared by Multiculturalism Canada, outlines 77 recommendations and initiatives taken by various federal departments and agencies in the areas of social interaction, justice, media, employment, public policy and education in response to the Equality Now! report — prepared by the Special Committee on Visible Minorities in Canadian Society — tabled in the House of Commons in March 1984.

Otto Jelinek, minister of state for multiculturalism, told The Canadian Jewish News during a recent interview that while it was not necessary to prepare a progress report, he felt it was important to let Canadians know what has been done to date and what remains to be done.

"We feel confident that we're moving as quickly as we possibly can and we're not sitting back on our successes," Jelinek said. "We have to continue to move until all of the recommendations are implemented."

Some of the major initiatives undertaken by the government in response to the report include the creation of a standing committee on multiculturalism, inclusion of visible minorities in the legislated employment equity programs in the public and private sectors, a fundamental review of federal multiculturalism policy and a federal-provincial conference on multiculturalism.

In the area of justice, the report states that in order to amend section 281.2(2) of the Criminal Code dealing with public incitement of hatred, relevant material is now being prepared by the Law Reform Commission of Canada to implement this recommendation. Jelinek said the timing of this recommendation rests with Crosbie.

Former Eckville schoolteacher James Keegstra was found guilty of promoting hatred against Jews under section 281.2(2).

The ministry of justice is also examining a proposal to give the Canadian Human Rights Commission jurisdiction to hear complaints dealing with the import and export of hate propaganda and its dissemination through the mails and on radio, television and cable services, the report states.

While examining the proposal which would allow the Canadian Human Rights Commission to deal with hate propaganda, the report notes Crosbie has rejected a recommendation which would eliminate the need for a provincial attorney general's consent in order to prosecute cases involving public incitement of hatred.

Elimination of this legal restriction would have opened the way for any Canadian to launch a private prosecution against a peddler of hate literature.

"The minister of justice has taken note of the recommendation and has examined the relevant section of the Criminal Code," the report states. "He has consulted with the provinces on this matter and has concluded that section 281.2(6) should not be amended."

In the area of public policy, the report says that the government will consider the formation of a multiculturalism act creating a ministry of multiculturalism as part of a review of its multiculturalism policy.

In response to a recommendation calling for extended funding for both ethnic and racial groups and community organizations, the report says that the multiculturalism sector has increased its support to ethnic and racial groups under the group and community development program. In 1985-86 the actual increase over 1984-85 was $122,000.

Zubin Mehta (second from right) gets help in cutting his birthday cake from his wife Nancy and Tel Aviv Hilton general manager Peter van der Vliet.

Milestone for Mehta

It's a birthday bash for IPO

By
BARUCH SAVILLE

JERUSALEM —

Israelis are celebrating the 50th birthday of one of the country's proudest possessions — the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra — and at the same time, the Zubin Mehta's association with the orchestra and the maestro's own birthday.

The IPO has come a long way since its creation by Bronislaw Huberman, in 1936, who formed it primarily to provide work for refugee musicians from Europe.

The opening concert, 50 years ago, by the Palestine Orchestra as it was called, took place in a converted exhibition hall in Tel Aviv, conducted by Arturo Toscanini and, the orchestra has continued since, even when it had to be transported in armored cars to give a performance to the heroic inhabitants of besieged Jerusalem in 1948.

The IPO has acquired a worldwide reputation for excellence and, much of the credit goes to the vision of its creators, the dedication of its musicians and the ardent support of its numerous friends throughout the world and, last but not least, to the untiring efforts of its director Zubin Mehta.

Under Mehta's direction — he is now Honorary Life Director — the orchestra has flourished. Mainly through his efforts, some of the world's greatest artists come to play with the IPO and, they all either waive their fee or take only minimal expenses.

While Israel is a haven of music and musicians, and Mehta is always an outstanding success at every concert, sometimes being called back six times for encores, his greatest achievement was five years ago. At a concert given in the Tel Aviv Hayarkon Park, no less than 250,000 persons flocked to hear the maestro and the Philharmonic — some 7% of the country's entire population.

In spite of its success — the IPO remains poor. Giving numerous concerts in many parts of the world, every tour is a financial loss. Some years ago, in a joint concert with the New York Philharmonic, $250,000 was raised for the IPO's Endowment Fund. However, due to legalities, it was impossible to transfer the money to Israel and, it was left in the U.S. to help finance tours.

Mehta's 25 year association with the IPO began when he had to step in at the last moment to take over the baton from ailing Eugene Ormandy. He earned a rousing ovation and, he has never stopped coming back since.

At the time of the 1967 Six Day War, he flew to Israel on a special plane to give concerts to the Israeli soldiers and their families.

In 1969, he was invited to become the IPO's first director, but as he had already contracted with the Los Angeles Philharmonic as its new director, he assumed the title of the musical advisor of the Israel Philharmonic.

Returning to Israel for three months every year, Mehta insists that, apart from the music and the unique Israeli audiences, he gets a spiritual return in his home away from home.

$1 million fine levied for selling non-kosher

NEW YORK (JTA) —

A Brooklyn firm has been fined over $1 million for selling non-kosher meat products as kosher in violation of state law, Governor Mario Cuomo's office announced last week.

The state department of agriculture and marketing levied the record civil penalty of $1,012,400 against Rachleff Kosher Provisions of 5378 Kings Highway in Brooklyn.

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Must help shape future

Schools seen as important to end discrimination

By
JEFF ROSEN

Alan Shefman, national director for the League for Human Rights, accepted the award saying that it was an honor to be acknowledged—by an organization dedicated to teaching and educating in the area of multiculturalism.

TORONTO —
Educational institutions must help to eliminate discrimination to shape the future, says Dan McIntyre, race relations commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission.

"Institutions must do more than reflect society, they must help shape the future to help construct a society that emphasizes the best of our values and beliefs," McIntyre said at the recent closing banquet at the 3rd Ontario Multiculturalism Association annual conference. "It must be a future in which discrimination on the basis of color, religious beliefs and national origin is not only illegal, but unknown."

McIntyre said society has not yet achieved this goal as systemic discrimination against minority groups exists in almost all of the province's educational institutions.

He said that schools tend to integrate the young into society and that while few teachers are like former Eckville teacher James Keegstra, the "moral blindess and lack of senstivity" which he perceives has the same effect.

Praises OMA

McIntyre said another problem which exists is that children from minority and immigrant groups are often assigned to special classes which results in creating a "permanent academic underclass" of students from visible minorities.

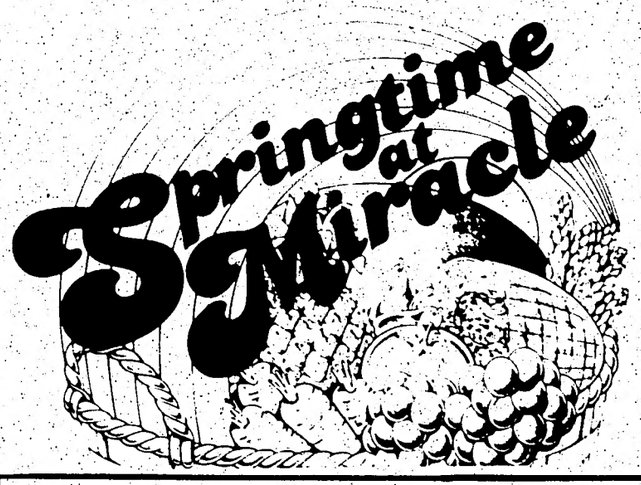
The solution, he said, is to provide proper training and support for educators to ensure that all children receive an adequate education.

McIntrye also praised the OMA for raising the issues of racial and ethnic cooperation, which he termed the most important questions society faces.

"The Ontario Multicultural Association has already demonstrated its value in promoting racial harmony and tolerance for ethnic and cultural minorities," he said. "I think the work you are doing through this organization is very much needed. Your are all to be congratulated for your dedication and vision."

Prior to McIntyre's address, OMA president Walter Temelini and conference coordinator Karen Mock presented awards to organizations which have made valuable contributions to multicultural education. Recipients included B'nai B'rith League for Human Rights, the Office of Social Action for the Archdiocese of Toronto, Urban Alliance on Race Relations and the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre.

During the 1-day conference at the Yorkdale Holiday Inn, participants attended a number of sessions dealing with multicultufal education. Yael Brym, from the Board of Jewish Education, participated in the session on development of curriculum for heritage languages. Otto Jelinek, federal minister of state for multiculturalism, attended the conference's opening reception and Ontario Education Minister Sean Conway addressed the conference's luncheon.



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Saturday, May 3

A TRIVIAL AFFAIR

On Saturday, May 3, Wm. Lyon Mackenzie Housing Co-operative is presenting A Trivial Affair, an evening of questions, answers, refreshments and prizes. The doors open at 7.30 p.m. and the program begins at 8. Trivia master **Gary Barnartt** will test your knowledge and powers of recall. The Co-op Centre is located at 299 Mullen Dr. unit 92½.

Tickets at $3 per person may be reserved by calling **Honey** at 731-4220 or **Barb** at 886-0326.

Sunday, May 4

CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

Chocoholics take note! Sunday, May 4, is your chance to indulge your chocolate craving. That's when Toronto Women's ORT is presenting Chocolate Sunday, a mouth-watering day of exhibits, demonstrations and festivities bound to please chocolate lovers of all ages. And you may even win one of the many prizes, or talk to artist **Ian Leventhal** about his choc-art, or take the children to Chocolate Stop where there is a magician, puppeteer, face-painting and free milk and chocolate.

It all takes place at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St., W., from noon to 9 p.m. Admission is $4 adults, $1.50 seniors and children under 12, and free to children under 5.

COMMUNITY COMMEMORATION

The annual Community Commemoration of the Holocaust takes place Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Al Waxman and **Vivian Reis** will be the narrators of the program which includes Pages of Testimony in prose, poetry and song produced by **Hindy Abelson** and **Srul Irving Glick**; readers **Harvey Atkin, Allen Farkas, Gloria Valentine** and **Eda Zimler-Schiff**; Cantors **Harold Klein** and **Severin Weingort**, and musicians **Morry Kernerman, Arkady Yanivker, Osher Green** and **David Miller**.

The event is sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto JewishCongress. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION CLUB

The Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library Book Discussion Club 1986 meets on Sunday, May 4, with the coordinator **Nathan Garnick** to discuss The Assistant by **Bernard Malamud**.

Admission including refreshments and social hour is $4 guests, $2 seniors and students. For information, call 635-2996.

HOLOCAUST COMMEMORATION

The Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and Beth Tikvah Synagogue are jointly sponsoring a 2-day Holocaust Commemoration to mark the 43rd anniversary of the Warsaw ghetto uprising.

On Sunday, May 4, at 8 p.m. a panel discussion entitled Dealing With Hate Propaganda: Three Perspectives will be moderated by attorney **Irwin Fefergrad** with panelists **Sabina Citron**, co-founder of the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association; **Peter Griffiths**, crown counsel in the Zundel trial, and **William Stevenson**, author and correspondent.

On Monday, May 5, erev Yom Hashoa, the theme of the program of remembrance will be Complacency or Resistance. Participants will include **Charles Wittenberg**, commander in the French Resistance during World War 11; **Gideon Saguy**, Israeli consul-general; **Rev. Bruce McLeod**, Toronto Sun columnist; **Helen Smolack; Rabbi Robert Marcus; Cantor Efraim Sapir** and the Beth Tikvah choir conducted by **Srul Glick**.

Both events take place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. The community is invited and admission is free.

YAMIT CHAPTER TEA

Yamit Chapter, Na'amat Pioneer Women is holding a tea-potpouri on Sunday, May 4, from 2-5 p.m. at the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Tax deductable receipt for donations over $10. For information, call PW office at 636-5425.

OPEN HOUSE - HAMILTON

Camp Gesher, a summer camp of Habonim Dror, is having an open house for interested parents and children on Sunday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at **Shifra Alleson's**, 316 North Shore W., Burlington. For more information, call Shifra at 523-7805 in Burlington or **Shimon** at 630-2511 in Toronto.

LAS MADRES

The Argentine-produced documentary La Madres — The Mothers of May Square is being shown at Holy Blossom Temple on Sunday, May 4, at 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker will be **Rene Epelbaum**, one of the founding members of May Square, a group of mothers of children who have disappeared in Argentina.

RABBI AMY EILBERG

Adath Israel Congregation and Sisterhood are presenting **Rabbi Amy Eilberg**, the first woman rabbi to be ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary, as guest speaker for the Rosalynd Smith Memorial Lecture on Sunday, May 4, at 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue. The topic will be Challenging the Future: New Gifts...New Horizons.

The Rosalynd Smith Memorial Fund has been established by the family and friends of the late **Rosalynd Smith**.

OPENING RECEPTION

At the opening reception for the Canadian Society of Yad Vashem held at the home of Louise Cornblum recently were (left to right) Dr. Joel Dimitry, chairman of the Canadian Society; Eli Zborwski, international chairman of the international society; David Smoskovitz, Abba Eban, international chairman of the board of governors, and Louise Cornblum. [Graphic Artists photo]

ROTHSTEIN'S RECEPTION

A reception tendered by the tribute committee for the Aser Rothstein Chair in genetic diseases at the Weizmann Institute of Science was held recently at the Art Gallery of Ontario. The honoree Dr. Aser Rothstein thanks the planning committee (left to right): Dr. Frederick Lowy, dean of medicine, University of Toronto; Reva Gerstein, vice-chairman, board of trustees, Hospital for Sick Children; David L. Dennis, president, Toronto chapter, Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, and Bertha Dermer, president, Toronto chapter, Dysautonomia Foundation. [Graphic Artists photo]

Monday, May 5

YOM HASHOA SERVICES

Yom Hashoa services are being held on Monday, May 5, to honor the memory of the victims of the Holocaust.

At **Temple Sinai**, service begins at 8.30 p.m. Highlights will be readings written especially for the religious service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue invites the community to a Holocaust memorial lecture by author-historian **Abraham Fuchs**, who will deal with his book, The Unheeded Cry, and the attempt to have its publication banned. The time is 8.30 p.m. at the synagogue.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am's service begins at 8 p.m. Guest speaker **Sol Littman**, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, will talk about Old Wounds and New Sorrows — War Criminals in Canada.

At **Adath Israel Congregation's** service at 8 p.m. artist-photographer **Faye Schulman**, a member of the Resistance movement serving with the Russian partisans, will share her experiences through an audio-visual presentation. There is no charge.

NCJW YOUNG NEWLY MARRIEDS

Whether you've been married one week or a few years, come join the National Council of Jewish Women's Young Marrieds for the first meeting of this new branch on Monday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

Meet new friends and have a good time as a member of this organization.

For information, call Council House at 633-5100 or **Lorraine** at 731-8551.

Tuesday, May 6

WHEN PARENTS AGE

On Tuesday, May 6, Emunah Women is sponsoring a public forum for men and women on When Parents Age which will explore the positive and negative aspects of aging and its effect on the individual and the family. Speakers are **Dr. Max Kleinman**, department head, rehabilitation medicine, Baycrest Hospital, and **Pearl Langer**, social worker, Jewish Family & Child Service.

The time is 8 p.m. at Shaarei tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St. Admission is $2.

ROSEBURY SQUARE B & P WOMEN

The Rosebury Square Business and Professional Women's group, Women's Canadian ORT, invites women interested in their geneology (family tree) to a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. New members are welcome.

For further details, contact **Marcie Gilbert** at the ORT office at 787-0339.

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You'll find great items, all at a special price, at Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood gift shop's Mother's Day sale set for Tuesday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The Tuesday, May 6, meeting of the T,nach Study Group will focus on Obadiah, Chapter 1, with lecturer **Sy Langer**. The group meets at 8.15 p.m. in the board room of Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome.

The T'nach Study Group is under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. For further information, call 635-2883, ext. 151.

ILEITIS & COLITIS FOUNDATION

The North York Chapter of the Canadian Ileitis Foundation invites you to attend a meeting on Tuesday, May 6, at 8 p.m. at North York Branson Hospital, 555 Finch Ave. W. The guest speaker, psychiatrist **Dr. Rose Geist** will discuss Learn How to Cope with Inflammatory Bowel Disease.

THE CHORALAIRS

On Tuesday, May 6, the Choralairs of North York will be entertaining at Christie Gardens Seniors Apartment, 600 Melita Cres. It will be an evening of popular songs of today, yesterday and Broadway show tunes, closing with a sing-a-long for everyone attending.

This 30-member volunteer choir, under the direction of **Al Wyand**, has long been a favorite with many seniors clubs and nursing homes in north Toronto and the City of North York areas. Anyone wishing to have the choir perform, may obtain information by calling **Anne Milrod** at 782-8994 or **Judy Gordon** at 221-3161.

Wednesday, May 7

POMEGRANATE GUILD

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles is a group of men and women interested in the research, collection, documentation and sharing of information and skills on Judaic textiles.

The last meeting of the current season is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7. The theme of the meeting is Show and Share and members will show and explain their work, providing an opportunity to view works of art created by guild participants. Also, the guild will be welcoming guests from the Quilters Caribou Group from Grace Church on the Hill.

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RED CROSS AWARD

Sybil Geller is presented with the Order of Red Cross Member award by Andrew Fleming, president, Canadian Red Cross Society, at the recent 66th annual meeting of the Ontario Division. Mrs. Geller has just completed a 2-year term as president of the division.

Organizations and People

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The time is 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple Youth Lounge, 1950 Bathurst St. Non-members are welcome for a nominal fee of $2. Coffee is served. For further information, contact **Faigy Grossman** (membership) at 656-5680 or **Laurie King** (president) at 686-0140.

HUMANE SOCIETY MEETING

The auxiliary of the North York branch of the Ontario Humane Society is having its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 7.30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens' Hall, 1 Empress Ave. (east of Yonge, north of Sheppard).

An interesting European slide presentation and short business meeting will be followed by refreshments and coffee. Everyone interested in the welfare of animals in North York is welcome. Admission, refreshments and parking are all free.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

The Manic-Depressive Association of Metropolitan Toronto will have its next meeting on Wednesday, May 7, at 7.30 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, 175 St. Clair Ave. W.

The guest speaker, **Dr. Gary Hasey** of the Clark Institute of Psychiatry will discuss sleep problems. For further information, call 486-8046.

Thursday, May 8

JEWISH COMMUNAL PROFESSIONALS

The Toronto Association of Professionals in Jewish Communal Service invites all members to join their colleagues from across Canada at a reception in the Mount Sinai Hospital board room on Thursday, May 8, at 6 p.m.

Many Jewish communal workers will be attending the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly and this will be an excellent opportunity to meet and compare notes with people working in other communities.

For information, call **David Marks** at 586-8202 or **Bernard Shoub** at 633-7770.

ATTENTION PLENARY DELEGATES

Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly delegates are invited to be the guests of Canadian Friends of Peace Now at a breakfast with **Abdel Wahab Darawshi**, member of the Knesset, on Thursday, May 8, from 7-8.30 a.m. at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Room 104 C. He will discuss Arab-Jewish relations, comment on the prospects for peace and react to the Kahane threat to Israeli democracy.

For further information, contact **Mel Shipman**, Canadian Friends of Peace Now, at 633-2247.

And What Else Is New...

WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

The Women's League for Conservative Judaism Ontario Branch annual spring conference takes place Monday and Tuesday, May 12 and 13, at Adath Israel Synagogue. The theme is The Contemporary Jewish Woman — Profile and Potential.

The program begins at 4.30 p.m. on the 12th followed by dinner and instalation program. Tuesday activities start at 8.30 a.m. with shacharit and include breakfast, workshops, lunch and program. Cost of the full conference is $48.

CIVIL RIGHTS IN ISRAEL

Religious Pluralism and Civil Rights in Israel is the topic New Israel Fund of Canada meeting being held Sunday, May 16, at 8 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St.

The guest speaker is **Neta Goldman**, staff attorney for the Association of Civil Rights in Israel, who is a New Israel Fund Fellow at American University in Washington DC, and is interning with the Women's Legal Defence Fund and the American Civil Liberties Union. She will address issues associated with civil (equality) rights for women and minorities within a Jewish state. Admission is free.

HILLEL/JSU, U OF T

Let loose and party at the Jewish Student Union's End of the Year Bash set for Saturday, May 10, at 9 p.m. at the Dunfield Club, 110 Eglinton Ave. E. 2nd floor (Yonge and Eglinton). Admission is $4 with JSU card, and $5 without, but you get $1 off if you arrive before 10 p.m.

For more information, call 923-9861.

ON STAGE AT THE POSLUNS

Kuni Leml (Koo-nee Lemel), winner of the 1985 Outer Critics Circle award for best off-Broadway musical, previews at the Leah Posluns Theatre Wednesday, May 7, opens May 8 and plays through May 30. **Reva Stern**, the theatre's artistic director, directs this fast-paced musical comedy with music direction by **John Carr** and choreography by **Caroline Smith**.

Kuni Leml is played by **Robert Rozen** with **Faye Cohen** as Carolina, **Nicholas Rice** as Carolina's father Reb Pinchos, and **Michael Beattie** as Max, the young tutor.

For tickets call 630-6752 or any BASS outlet.

BRUNCH FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., extends an invitation to all engaged couples to come to brunch on Sunday, May 11, at 11.30 a.m. **Maureen Feder** of the the Jewish Family & Child Service, who has expertise in the sensitive field of pre-marital and marital counseling, will be present.

For information, call **Rose Freedman** in the synagogue office at 633-5500.

CAMP KADIMA/USY

Eastern Canadian Region United Synagogue Youth will be holding its annual week encampment at Camp Ramah in Utterson, Ont., Aug 21-28.

If you are entering grades 5-12 and would like to spend a week in a Conservative Jewish environment, call **Mark Freedman**, regional youth director, at 789-0579 for further information and applications. Program includes waterskiing and other water sports, land sports, kosher meals, arts and crafts such as kipot making, and much more.

GREEN THUMBS TAKE NOTE

The Ontario Science Centre, located at Don Mills Rd. and Eglinton Ave., needs a number of volunteers to assist in two areas at the centre.

Volunteers can help in the greenhouse attending plants on weekdays for a 3-hour shift each week.

During the summer months help is needed every day, including weekends, to assist with planting and maintaining the herb garden.

If you are interested in becoming involved with one of these programs, call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

SHALOM VILLAGE, HAMILTON

Here's a list of May activities at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N., in Hamilton —

Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m. — **Fran Garshaw** will entertain with favorite songs.

Wednesday, May 7 — members of Earl Bales Community Centre of Toronto will visit for lunch and a tour of Shalom Village followed by a sing song.

Tuesday, May 13, from 2-4 p.m. — Ross Ladies Wear of Hamilton will be bringing a large selection of spring and summer clothing for sale.

Wednesday, May 14 — A special lunch in celebration of Israel Independence Day. In the afternoon international entertainer **David Bach** will speak on his experiences in Israel while he was entertaining the troops in the Yom Kippur War.

Thursday, May 15, at 2 p.m. — **Ahuva Soifer**, head social worker at McMaster University, will speak on Managing Stress in a Positive Way.

Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. — Simcha Sunday with **Ayella Seidleman** on the cello.

Thursday, May 22, at 11.30 a.m. — A trip to Shaw Festival, Niagara-On-The Lake, for the **Agatha Christie** mystery Black Coffee.

Sunday, May 25, at 2 p.m. — **Syd Levy** will be back for an afternoon of piano music.

Tuesday, May 27, at 7.30 p.m. — A musical evening with the Hamilton Men's Teacher Choir.

Regular programs will be held as usual. These include Saturday afternoon Yiddish readings with **Rena Freeman**; Mosaic Tile with **Carol Smith** and **Anna Lalli**; Special readings with **Karen Beer**; Current Events with **Mark Nagler**; Circle of Friends with **Lester** and **Carol Krames**; Ceramics with **Ann Gluckstein**; Monday and Thursday Bingo with **Newly Howard** and **Lil Liebovitz**; Exercises with **Bernie Burg** and **Sam Langsner**; Craft Program with **Helen Yellin, Lil Wolfson** and **Zelda Rostoker**; Bowling with **Lou Berenbaume**; also Saturday Night Movies and Arm Chair Travel Series.

ENJOY SPEAKING TO PEOPLE?

Jewish Family & Child Service is looking for volunteers to assist with information requests at one of its services on Mondays and Wednesdays, afternoons and evenings.

Volunteers need good social skills and must be married. If you are interested, contact **Shirley Worth** at JF & CS at 638-7800, ext. 254.

MARAMORESHER SOCIETY DINNER

Maramoresher Society is celebrating Mother's Day and Yom Ha'atzmaut with a dinner at Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave., on Sunday, May 11, at 6 p.m. There will be musical entertainment by singer **Faye Kellerstein** accompanied by pianist **Brenda Weisdorf**.

Couvert is $36 per couple. For reservations, call **Fay Balaban** at 781-7458. Guests are welcome.

RRIF VS ANNUITIES

Ron Lofsky and TP & Associates Ltd. will be holding seminars on RRIFs (Registered Retirement Income Fund) Vs Annuities and other retirement options. Attend a free seminar on Sunday, May 4, at 11 a.m.; Monday, May 5, at 7 p.m., or Wednesday, May 7, at noon.

Reservations are required. Call Ron Lofsky at 787-1612.

DORIS' MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW

Doris' Musical Variety Show, that group of popular entertainers of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, under the direction of **Doris Fleishman** accompanied by pianist **Elaine Duff**, announces the following performances for the month of May:

Friday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at Wood-Green Community Centre, 835 Queen St. E., and Wednesday, May 21, at 1:30 p.m. at Castleview-Wychwood Towers, 351 Christie St.

For information about the group, call 222-7422.

ART COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

The Ontario College of Art open house runs this weekend, May 2-4, from noon to 8 p.m. There will be over 5,000 works of art and design. The address is 100 McCaul St. and 149 College St.

Admission is $2 adults, $1 children. The open house line is 977-3086.

WOMEN AND PSYCHIATRY

The conference on Women and Psychiatry being held May 3 and 4 at Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE), 252 Bloor St. W., offers an opportunity for women who have been abused by the psychiatric system to come together and talk. The May 3 session is open to everyone. The May 4th session is just for women.

Admission is the equivalent of one hour's pay. Women on welfare or family benefits get in free. There is wheelchair access and child care is available. For further information, contact **Lilith** at 531-8537.

CANVASSERS NEEDED

On Monday, May 5, the Salvation Army will be conducting a blitz campaign throughout Metropolitan Toronto for the Red Shield Appeal. Canvassers are still needed. If you can give one hour of your time between 6 and 9 p.m. on Blitz Night, Monday, May 5, call the Red Shield Coordinator at 766-6441.

FLEA MARKET VENDORS

The Third Floor Central Eglinton Community Centre, 223 Eglinton Ave. E., is arranging a birthday party flea market for May 10. Eight-foot long tables are available for a fee of $15, so you can sell off any items you may have saved, collected, baked or created. Call 487-4096 now to reserve.

ART IN NY LIBRARIES

Several North York public libraries are offering art exhibits during May:

Acrylics by **Arija Ozols-Alksnis** at Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E.

Prints by **Constance Johnson** at Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr. (just south of York Mills).

Photographs of nature and wildlife by **Jonathan Grant** at Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (just east of Don Mills Rd.).

Paintings by **Lise Genova** at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St.

Hand-colored prints by **Charles Dowson** at Pleasant View Library, 575 Van Horne Ave. (just west of Victoria Park).

For information about these exhibits, call 495-3438.

SINGIN' IN THE RAIN

Here's one more chance to see Singin' in the Rain, considered one of the greatest movie musicals of all time! It is being screened Friday, May 2, from 2-4 p.m. at Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St., as part of the film series about music and musicians the library is offering every second Friday afternoon until June 13.

singles

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JCC Valley Singles Centre presents its 3rd annual singles symposium, One is Also a Number, on Sunday, May 25, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keynote speaker **Lynn Tribbling** will

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RACE RELATIONS AWARD

Ontario Lieutenant-Governor Lincoln Alexander (left) presents Wilson Head with the Race Relations Award at the recent Urban Alliance on Race Relations dinner. Head is the founding president of the Urban Alliance on Race Relations and the second recipient of the award. In the background (left) is Rabbi Gunther Plaut, winner of last year's award. [Jeff Rosen photo]

FAMILY ENDOWMENT

The family of the late Elie Lefler has honored his memory with a family endowment in his name at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. Receiving the acknowledgement plaque from Rabbi David Monson (centre) are (from left) daughter Roz Pyzer, Shirley Lefler, daughter Laura Wollock and son Irv Lefler. [Graphic Artists photo]

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discuss The Art of Communication. Charge is $25 and includes guest speakers, seminars, buffet lunch and wine and cheese party. Registration is limited. For more information and to register, call 889-0813.

Maximize your energy with lifestyle consultant **Donna Kaplan**, who will help you explore your potential for high level well-being to increase performance and productivity at the Sunday, May 4, meeting of **Beth Tikvah Chai Group**. She will share a combination of self-acceupoint massage and nutritional approaches which alleviate fatigue, increase vitality and improve your mood. An experiment will be done to show how foods strengthen or weaken muscle energy. The time is 8 p.m. at the synagogue, downstairs hall, 3080 Bayview Ave. Refreshments will be served. Charge is $3 members, $5 non-members.

A Spring Fever dance will be held in Le Club at the Inn on the Park (Eglinton and Leslie) on Monday, May 5, at 8 p.m. Cover is $6. There will be door prizes. The dance is sponsored by **Judea Lodge B'nai B'rith**. All proceeds go to charity.

Jeff Perlmutar invites you to a May Singles Party on Tuesday, May 6, at 8.30 p.m. at Rooney's, 2 Rosehill Ave. (two blocks south of St. Clair, off Yonge). Cover is $6. Door prize is a dinner for two at Le Connaisseur.

Single Scene, a Cincinnati non-profit social group extends an invitation to all Jewish singles, 35 and up, to attend its annual singles weekend May 23-26. It will be held at the new Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Cincinnati, with a high school graduation theme. Cost is $130, U.S. funds, per person (hotel additional). For reservations and further information, contact **Judy Altenberg**, 2934 Losantiridge Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45213; phone (513) 531-7356; or **Emily Loewenstein**, 15 Evergreen Circle, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45215, phone (513) 771-3291.

Club Haifa (ages 23-45) invites you to come and enjoy the great sounds of **Archie** until 2 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the Mardi Gras Restaurant, 97 Cumberland Ave. (just west of Bay). Dress is casual but no jeans. Cover is $3. There is a cash bar. If you are interested in jazz, the Mardi Gras features it on Sundays from 7-11 p.m. There is no cover charge.

at the jcc

Through the eyes of filmmaker **Irene Lilienheim Angelico**, a child of concentration camp survivors, Dark Lullabies reveals, for the first time on film, the impact of the Holocaust on both Jews and Germans born after the war. The powerful feature documentary will be presented by the Couples Over 40 group of the JCC Valley on Sunday, May 4, at 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Along with the film, **Gerda Frieberg**, chairman of Holocaust Education Memorial Centre at the Lipa Green Building, will discuss the importance of further education on the Holocaust. Charge is $5 per member couple. Hosts are **Sue and Bernie Fuller**. RSVP by calling **Bettie Raibon** at 881-4213. For more information, call **Rose Shapiro** at 889-0813.

for seniors

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The **Association of Jewish Seniors** 15th annual conference, Senior Power in the Future, takes place Wednesday and Thursday, May 28 and 29, at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. It begins on the Wednesday evening at 7 with registration followed by opening ceremonies with guests **Israeli Consul-General Gideon Saguy** and Ontario Minister of Consumer Relations **Monte Kwinter** plus dancing to the **Maurice Turk** orchestra and refreshments. Thursday starts off with registration at 9 a.m. followed by guest speakers Attorney-General **Ian Scott** and **Ivy St. Lawrence** of the Ontario Advisory Council on Seniors. Guest speaker at the luncheon is **Ron Van Horne**, minister responsible for senior affairs.

Admission is $10. For tickets and information, call **Jennie Gilbert** at 635-2860. No tickets after May 21.

Club Chaverim of the JCC Valley has scheduled its opening program for Monday, May 5, at 1 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. It features music by **Bluma**. Refreshments will be served. Call 889-0813 for information.

The Cultural Circle of the **Senior Citizens Club of the Labor Zionist Alliance** meets every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. At the session of May 6 **Adam Konecki** will introduce a lecture on the Yiddish classic writer **I.L. Peretz**.....The Drop-In Centre is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. where cards, chess and such can be enjoyed. There is also special room for shuffleboard. There is no charge. Refreshments are served.....President of the Senior Citizens Club is **Jack Goldbach**.

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is honoring mother at the Mother's Day luncheon on Sunday, May 4, at 12.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 100 Elder St. Everyone is welcome. **Bluma**, Yiddish song stylist, will entertain. All paid-up lady members will be admitted free. Gentlemen and guests will be charged $3 each. Members, please remember to bring your membership cards. For information and reservations, call **Sam Cynamon** at 665-3724 or **Helen Weizenbluth** at 635-6343 after 7 p.m.

The Jubilee Club Plus 50 invites you to a mix and mingle social evening, complete with dancing, singalong and talent night, on Monday, May 5, at 7.30 p.m. at 864 Sheppard Ave. W. (please use side door downstairs). Come out and socialize. There is no charge for members (bring membership cards). Charge for non-members is $1.....The Jubilee Club Plus 50 is having a catered luncheon with musical entertainment on Sunday, May 18, at 12.30 p.m. Plan to attend this delightful afternoon and enjoy yourself. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $5 members, $6 non-members. Paid reservations are absolutely necessary so turn out for the May 5 meeting and make your pre-paid reservation.

Ruth Morawetz

Paul Massel

On Tuesday, May 6, at 12.30 p.m. **Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50** is having a musicalle luncheon featuring baritone **Paul Massel**, who has gained wide recognition in opera, recital and oratorio appearances, and pianist **Ruth Morawetz**, founder and music director of Classical Cabaret. Everyone is welcome. The cost is $5.50 and reservations are a must. Call 781-3511.

Workmen's Circle Social Club meets on Tuesday, May 6, at noon at 471 Lawrence Ave. W. for lunch and entertainment. Also, **Rabbi David Monson** and **Gordon Mendly** will be present as guests. There will be no charge for members with cards. Non-members are welcome. For information, contact **Shirley Grotell** at 222-7727.

If you are interested in group singing at seniors homes, hospitals and other seniors events, you may join the **JCC Singers** at rehearsals every Thursday from 9.30-11 a.m. at the Jewish Community Centre, Room 221, 4588 Bathurst St. The group's next performances are Sunday, May 4, at 4 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue and Thursday, May 8, at 2 p.m. at Cheltenham Nursing Home. For information, call the president, **Dolly Brown**, at 636-9468.

Beth Sholom Seniors general meeting takes place Wednesday, May 7, at 7.30 p.m. at the synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W. Everyone is welcome. Admission is $1 members, $2 non-members. For more information, call **Eve Donsky** at 782-1068.

Come out and spend a pleasant afternoon with **Temple Sinai Seniors** on Tuesday, May 6, and hear guest vocalist and instrumentalist **Nancy Anderson**. The time is 1 p.m. at 210 Wilson Ave. Charge is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

This item is about Foster Outreach, a volunteer grandparenting program. Jewish seniors are urged to volunteer their time and become a foster grandparent. **Elaine Cooper**, wife of **Rabbi David Cooper** of Am Echad Congregation, started Foster Outreach and is inviting seniors to join in this enriching and rewarding experience. Many children, some of whom are in single-parent situations, benfit from the companionship of an older person. For more information, call 731-8458.

Earl Bales Seniors' Place is starting a nutrition class on Tuesday, May 6, from 10-11 a.m. at its centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). There is no charge for members, so make sure you attend this session and the others that follow. For further information, call 636-7856, Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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The NORTH "Y" BRANCH
of the
4588 Bathurst Street
Jewish Community Centre of Toronto
will be celebrating its
25TH (SILVER) ANNIVERSARY
Sun., May 4, 10 a.m.-12 noon
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Jewish Community Centre northern branch, 4588 Bathurst St. is starting bridge lessons for seniors on Wednesday, May 7, from 1-3 p.m. There is no charge for members. Visitors will be charged $1. For information, call **Teme Kernerman** at 636-1880, ext. 234.

A Holocaust Memorial Yom Hashoa service is being held at the **Wagman Centre** on Thursday, May 8, at 7.30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Residents and members will participate in the candle-lighting ceremony and recitations of their own poems. Program includes prayers by **Rabbi Solomon Domb**, songs of the Holocaust by **Jenny Eisenstein**, piano renditions by **Igor Kuchinsky** and recitations by **Dobby Wahl**.

The line and ballroom dancing at **Earl Bales Seniors' Place** is in full swing. Come out on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.30 p.m. and have an enjoyable time with **Ada Goldblatt** assisted by **Irving Naftolin**. There is no charge. Earl Bales Seniors' Place is in the park at Bathurst and Sheppard.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Lifeline Learning Institute (LLI) is presenting a new course in cooperation with North York Board of Education entitled Key Events in the 20th Century: Lessons and Consequences. Eight sessions will be held with **Emanuel Goldberg** on Tuesdays starting May 6 to June 24 from 10 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for members and seniors. Non-members under 65 are charged $2 per session.

Another LLI offering is a 2-part series with musician-composer **Rick Kardonne**, The CJN music critic, who will demonstrate and talk on Avrom Goldfaden, the Father of Yiddish Music and Drama (best known for Rozhinkes Mandlen). Lectures take place Wednesday, May 7, and Monday, May 26, at 1.30 p.m. Admission is $1 members, $1.50 non-members.

The LLI Atkinson College lecture on Wednesday, May 7, will focus on Feminism and the Cinema with **Prof. Robin Wood**. The time is 10 a.m. and everyone is welcome.

The Changing Role of Men in Today's Society is the topic of the seminar conducted by **Prof. Michael Kaufman** on Thursday, May 8, at 1.30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There is no charge for members. Non-members are charged $1.

And the Boys Jazz Quartet is featured on Sunday, May 4, at 2 p.m.

About People

WINNER OF HOLOCAUST CONTEST

Shoshanah Klein, a grade 12 student at Ulpanat Orot Girls School, is the Canadian winner of a contest on the Holocaust. This new international contest focuses on heroism of the Jewish reaction to the Holocaust and is designed to raise the consciousness of young Jews to the heroism exhibited by our people during the Holocaust. The contest was sponsored by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Shoshana Klein

As the winner in Canada, Shoshana will participate in an international competition in Israel immediately after the Passover holiday. Winners from various countries will gather in Israel during the holiday to participate in a series of seminars on the Hololcaust.

Marsha Razin, a history teacher at the Ulpana, coordinated the program with Shashanah. Mrs. Razin is the author of a unique curriculum, utilized in the school, integrating general and Jewish history for the secondary school level.

Shoshana is the daughter of **Dr. Joel** and **Shifra Klein** of Willowdale.

BIBLE CONTEST WINNER

Jonathan Koschitzky, a grade 12 student at Yeshivat Or Chaim, was declared 1st place winner in the upper division of the Canadian National Bible Contest, which took place April 13-14 in Montreal. As the Chatan Hatanach for 1986, Jonathan will represent Canada in the International Bible Contest in Israel in 1987.

Jonathan Koschitzky

Ther Bible Contest is one of the most prestigious international student competition today. It is sponsored in Canada by the Canadian Zionist Federation and administered by the Board of Jewish Education.

This marks the second consecutive year that a student in Yeshivat Or Chaim took first place in the contest. The 1985 winner was **Moshe Fisher**, who will participate in this year's international contest in Israel on Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Jonathan is the son of **Henry** and **Julia Koschitzky** of Downsview.

A LIFETIME PASS

Another Yeshivat Or Chaim student to make the news recently is **Aryeh Krasman,** who, while attending a student performance of Hamlet with his grade 10 classmates, was singled out as the 12-millionth person to attend a student performance at the Stratford Festival.

Aryeh Krasman

Aryeh met with the festival representative and was awarded a lifetime pass to the festival. This pass entitled him to two tickets to every future production.

Attending a Shakesperean production at Stratford is an annual feature of the educational program of Yeshivat Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot Girls School.

Aryeh is the son of **Brian** and **Joyce Krasman** of Thornhill.

Soviet Jew jailed 1 year

NEW YORK (JTA) — Soviet Jewish Refusenik Betvalel Shalolashvili was sentenced last week to a 1-year prison term for "draft evasion" after a 2-day trial, the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry (SSSJ) reported here.

The 22-year-old Tbilisi student, arrested in March, asserted that he had never received his draft notice. The SSSJ said that the KGB has told Shalolashvili's brother, Yitzhak, that "the charge was in retaliation for the latter's efforts to prevent the official destruction of the Ashkenazic synagogue in Tbilisi."

The U.S. Congress was informed in February of reported plans by the Soviet authorities to bulldoze one of the few remaining synagogues in the Soviet Union in order to build a public square in its place. The Tbilisi Jewish community is estimated at 20,000.

Shalolashvili and his family first applied to emigrate in April, 1985, and their application was refused last August without any explanation.

SUNDAY, MAY 18!

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Parshat Achrei Mot.

We can serve G-d with everything, every moment.

When the Baal Shem Tov was a young man, he served as a disciple of the sage, Reb Yizchak of Drohovitch.

Once the Baal Shem Tov brought the scholar a cup of coffee, and patiently waited for him to finish, so he could remove it. Said Reb Yitzchak to the Baal Shem Tov: "I understand you brought me the cup, because you think you are serving a scholar. But what's the mitzvah of taking away the empty cup?"

Answered the Baal Shem Tov: "We find that when the High Priest did the service of Yom Kippur, it was a special mitzvah to remove the empty dish into which he brought the spices into the Holy of Holies . . ."

The scholar was delighted with the Baal Shem Tov's answer. "If so, then from this day on its a mitzvah for me to serve **you.**"

Every bite of food, every thought, every word, every minute of work, every sigh, every step on the jogging track, can be a service to G-d — when we have the right kavanah.

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Strange service, the order of the Yom Kippur sacrifice in the Temple.

The High Priest had to take two goats, equal in size, same in appearance. Then he chose by lots — one went "La'Shem" — offered on the Holy altar, a sacrifice to G-d.

The other went to Azazel, a terrible, obscure death in the wilderness outside of Jerusalem.

One represents holiness — the other, vanity and waste.

Said one commentator: The two goats were exactly equal. Why? But it symbolizes what G-d asks of us. When it comes to a mitzvah, G-d doesn't demand — "give me everything you have! So end everything on my commandment!"

No! All the Al-mighty pleads is — give Me an even break! Two goats, two bank accounts . . . One is for Azazel — all the money we spend on pleasures. How much was that trip to Miami, to Barbados? How much did we throw out for one party for one dinner and theatre?

But at least — let the portion for G-d be as much as that for Azazel! They contact us — "please to help a hospital, a poor family, a yeshiva, the starving of Africa."

"I don't really have that much money. I can only scrape together a few dollars . . ."

What! La'Azazel you have plenty, but for a mitzvah you run short?

No — the altar should be equal to Azazel. If we have money to pursue our pleasures, let us have money to serve G-d!

Money is nothing. Life is everything, mitzvahs are everything.

Reb Mier of Premishlan gave his time to the poorest Jews, and didn't give much ceremony to the rich.

Asked one chassid: "But rabbi, the Talmud says that Rabbi Judah the Prince (Rebbi) was 'mechabed' — honored — by the rich?"

Answered Reb Meir: "You don't understand. Rabbi Judah was 'mechabed' — that means to 'sweep the floor' (mechabed means to honor or to sweep in Hebrew) with the rich."

Rich is healthy. Rich is good. Rich is love. Easy as ABC — Good Shabbes.

Display of solidarity

Canadian mayors honor Refuseniks

By
NOMI MORRIS

North York Mayor Mel Lastman (left) presents a certificate bestowing honorary citizenship to Refusenik Yakov Levin to Sasha Bimman (second from left) and Alina Pekarsky of B'nai B'rith Shalom Lodge, and Brian Baumal of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

TORONTO — In ceremonies held across Canada the mayors of 22 cities and municipalities recently granted honorary citizenship to Refuseniks in a display of solidarity with their plight in the Soviet Union.

During the ceremonies, which were planned to coincide with the onset of Passover, delegations from B'nai B'rith Canada presented each mayor with a "freedom package" containing a haggadah, a box of matzoh, and a bottle of wine.

"Passover is the time of year when Jews, the world over, commemorate the exodus from Egypt many centuries ago and celebrate our present-day freedom," said Michael Rosenberg, chairman of Soviet Jewry for B'nai B'rith.

"We hope and pray that next year we will commemorate the exodus of Jews from the Soviet Union as well."

Despite the recent release of Anatoly Scharansky, Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union is at an all time low. While federal and provincial politicians have spoken out on behalf of Soviet Jews, the gesture by Canadian mayors marks the first time that local leaders have united in a condemnation of rights abuses in the Soviet Union.

In Toronto, Ward 11 Councilor Kay Gardner presented a certificate of commendation for Ida Nudel, on behalf of Mayor Art Eggleton. "Torontonians hold in high esteem those who are fighting to gurantee freedom around the world. You are such a freedom fighter, Ida," Eggleton wrote in the certificate. "Since 1971 you have unceasingly worked for the rights of yourself and other Soviet Jews.

"You have endured exile, starvation, incarceration and other indignities during your continuing battle for human rights."

The certificate was received by Howard Chandler, Al Gerhard and Benny Sonshine of the Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Lodge of B'nai Brith.

In Montreal, Mayor Jean Drapeau presented B'nai B'rith President Harry Bick with the citizenship award for Leah Mariasin. Mariasin, the subject of special petitions to Canadian and Soviet authorities, suffers from mutliple myeloma — benign tumors in the brain which cause incapacitating bone deterioration.

Although she has a sister in Toronto and a daughter in Israel, Mariasin has been repeatedly denied an exit visa since 1974.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman bestowed citizenship upon Refusenik Yakov Levin. Receiving the certificate were Sasha Bimman and Alina Pekarsky of the newly formed Sholom Aleichem lodge, a group made up of Soviet Jews living in Toronto.

Pekarsky, who has been in Canada for 12 years, believes that Soviet immigrants have a special role to play in publicizing the hardships facing the friends and relatives they left behind. "The first seder we ever attended was at the home of Josef Begun," she said.

Other participants in the Toronto ceremony were the cities of York, East York and Etobicoke. B'nai B'rith representatives included Maurice Boyman, Adolph Goldberg and Simon Chouchan of La Fraternite francophone lodge; Gary Farb and Sam Taub of Judea Lodge; Brian Baumal of BBYO; and Debbie Diament and Jeff Springer of Hillel at the University of Toronto.

Other Canadian localities which took part included Hampstead, Cote St.-Luc, Town of Mount Royal, Halifax, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Windsor and London.

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Organizations and People

Scheininger cites "gentle persuasion"

CJC kept Jewish profiles low in Zundel trial

By
LEWIS LEVENDEL

TORONTO —

During the controversial Zundel trial last year, the Canadian Jewish Congress through "gentle persuasion" was able to dissuade other Jewish groups from planned demonstrations, reveals CJC Ontario Region Chairman Les Scheininger.

"There were responsible Jewish groups who quite correctly were upset and anguished about some of the things reported in the papers, and quite prepared to launch protests and demonstrations during the course of the trial," Scheininger disclosed. "Congress actively discouraged the groups from creating actions which might have potentially led in any way to a mistrial."

In an interview last week at the end of his term as regional chairman, Scheininger was asked to reflect on some of the major events during his three years in office. Following the Congress plenary, the Toronto lawyer will become a CJC national officer — honorary legal counsel.

Scheininger, who was active in preparing strategy for both the Zundel and Keegstra trials, said Congress made a decision not to seek, and to discourage publicity about its involvement. Asked why, he explained: "We did not want any actions of Congress to be used by Zundel lawyer Doug Christie in order to argue that his client had in some way been prejudiced."

Congress had been in the forefront of urging then-Ontario Attorney-General Roy McMurtry to launch prosecution against Zundel under hate propaganda provisions of the Criminal Code, Scheininger continued. During the Zundel trial, the organization assisted the crown attorney. Noting that other communal bodies might have had greater visibility during the Zundel affair, he explained Congress officials made a deliberate decision that "the profile of the organization was truly secondary to the ultimate purpose of insuring a conviction."

(The Zundel case is under appeal to the Ontario Court of Appeal).

Regarding the war criminals issue, the Deschenes Commission and relations with Canadian Eastern European groups, Congress decided that during the deliberation of the commission, there would be no public debate through the press on the issue, or on relations vis-a-vis other groups, said Scheininger.

Congress is disturbed that there may be some perception of an issue of inter-group divisions, he continued. "It is certainly not a perception that we have created. . . . We will not enter a campaign of exchanging letters to the editor. We are quite content to allow Mr. Justice Deschenes to reach his decision."

As a Canadian Jew, Scheininger is bothered by how successive Canadian governments have acted regarding European Jewish refugees, and later war criminals in the country. "The Deschenes Commission certainly would give our government the opportunity to redeem itself."

A former president of Jewish Family & Child Service, Scheininger has received a nomination as a Toronto Jewish Congress vice-president in the May 20 election.

He praised the strong support for his communal work by his family — wife Judy (vice-chairman of the Women's Division of the Toronto United Jewish Appeal) and children — Pamela, Stephanie and Robbie.

Interviewed in the Bay St. office of the law firm Bresver, Grossman, Scheininger and Davis, he spoke of how indebted he was to Congress Ontario Region Executive Director Dr. Edmond Lipsitz — "the consummate Jewish civil servant who helped guide me" — and predecessors David Satok, Milton Harris, Sam Filer and Mira Koschitzsky, for their advice.

Veteran Congress executive Satok called Scheininger "a very effective and very involved chairman who broadened Congress's approach on the political scene through the political liaison committees and an expanded community relations committee. Lipsitz remarked that "it was a pleasure to work under Les Scheininger's direction. He was available beyond the call of duty."

Looking back on his term of office, Scheininger, 38, felt Congress had made great strides in the way it interacts with governments through the establishment of the political liaison committees which meet leadership in governments — both elected officials and public servants. "We have gained credibility with governments because of the issues we dealt with, and the manner in which we presented our positions."

Through these committees, many newcomers were brought into Congress — some who already accomplished a great deal in the political sphere, he added.

As for disappointments during his term, he would have liked to have seen the Ontario government provide funding for Jewish day schools. "There is now inequality in the treatment by government of independent schools — an intolerable situation." He expressed the hope the government will respond to "fairness and justice," and fund other schools in addition to Catholic institutions.

Regarding CJC relations with other Jewish organizations, Scheininger said there has been a greater amount of cooperation among groups than the general public has been led to believe. For example, he cited Congress-B'nai B'rith cooperation during the Keegstra and Zundel trials.

Les Scheininger

Treats galore planned for Chocolate Sunday

TORONTO —

Preparations for Toronto Women's ORT Chocolate Sunday (May 4 at the Metropolitan Toronto Convention Centre) are well under way and organizers promise a chocolate paradise.

The first time project of the Toronto region comes just in time to buy mom a mouth-watering gift (from one or more of some 23 exhibitors) for Mother's Day, says volunteer Marcia Dorfman.

Among the most recent exhibitors to sign up are: Lieberman Splendid European Home Made Quality Chocolates, Sandy Kamanker, Bregman's — The Bakery, and The Enchanted Gift Basket.

But the 5,000 visitors expected at Chocolate Sunday will have much more to see and do. Here is a list of the special events slated for a day devoted to the theme of: Out of This World.

Monika Braver, pastry chef at L'Hardy's will teach the art of making truffles. Wendy Gifford of Telfer's Restaurant will create free-hand chocolate design, and Kathy Ross of Sombrero's Restaurant will demonstrate how to cook Mexican Mole Pablano.

Meredith Chilton, curator at the George Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art will speak on the 18th century cocoa house; and Ian Leventhal will be there to describe his Choc-Art, and exhibit a piece of art made out of truffles, candy wrappers and chocolate.

Jean Yves Vendeville, pastry chef at Bristol Place Restaurant, and winner of second place at the Grand Prix International du Chocolate Jean Marie Sibenaler in Paris, will be creating a showpiece in spun sugar and chocolate, and will demonstrate chocolate making.

Among the celebrity guests will be Shawn Thompson, who will be filming an episode of Switchback at the show, and who will participate in an Out of This World dessert-tasting competition with other celebrities.

To burn off the calories eating chocolate causes, Robyn Schaffer, a fitness instructor, and Ingrid Veninger (who plays Zoe on CBC's Airwaves) will hold a fitness demonstration. Nutritionist Marvin Zelsman will speak on chocolate allergies.

Chocolate allergies

Admission to Chocolate Sunday is $4 for adults, $1.50 for seniors and children up to 12, and children under 5 for free. For more information, call (416) 787-0297.

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Organizations and People

Reporter's Notebook

Italians, Jews raise funds for Israel university

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

It was, as Ron Barbaro expressed it in impeccable Yiddish, a *guntseh gedillah* (meaning total joy) of an evening.

It was an opening in which 500 members of two Canadian ethnic minority groups, the Italians and the Jews, joyously got together to raise $400,000 for what is fondly nicknamed the Harvard of the Holy Land — Israel's oldest and largest centre of higher education, the 61-year-old, 16,500-student Hebrew University atop of Mount Scopus in Jerusalem.

It was an evening in which they put on their best finery to attend a $500-per-person, blacktie dinner-dance at the Four Seasons Hotel's Regency Ballroom, in a jolly atmosphere that the Italians call *allegria* and the Jews call *freilichkeit*.

It was an evening of carnival-like cheer in a ballroom, which was decorated with a menagerie of huge stuffed panda bears and zebras, and where the guests joined hands in dancing an Israeli *hora* while Murray Alter's Jewish society orchestra played a rousing version of the Italian *Tarantella*.

The animal motif was played up so exuberantly because the evening's festivities were designed to salute that exuberant supersalesman of both insurance and community causes, Ron Barbaro, probably best known to Torontonians as the volunteer chairman of the Metro Zoo.

A rags-to-riches success story, he began as an 8-year-old bus boy in his immigrant father's Italian spaghetti-and-meatballs restaurant, and joined forces with his Jewish buddy, Earl Wintraub, in running Win-Bar Insurance Brokers Limited of Toronto.

He ultimately rose to become the first Canadian president of that global elite of supersalesmen, the Million Dollar Roundtable, and now at 53, is president of Canadian operations for the Prudential Insurance Company of America.

But the greatest reward of his achievements has come from his involvement in community activities, whether Italian or Jewish or otherwise.

"It's a way of paying rent to the community that has given me so much," is the way he expresses his gratitude. "If you have grown because of someone else, then help someone else grow because of you."

The Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University paid tribute to his community humanitarianism by presenting him with the university's coveted Scopus Award — an honor given to such other luminaries as U.S. President Gerald Ford, Senator Edward Kennedy, and symphony conductors Leonard Bernstein and Zubin Mehta.

As Dr. Gerry Halbert, national president of the Canadian Friends anounced in his speech, proceeds of the tribute dinner would be used to establish the Ron Barbaro Chair in Veterinary Medicine at the university's newly established (and Israel's only) School of Veterinary Medicine.

The evening brimmed with quips and pleasantries relating either to the honoree or cultural similarities shared by Italians and Jews. Here are some gleaned in this Reporter's Notebook.

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The best witticism was made by comedian *Johnny Wayne* in his speech tribute to his longtime friend: "Ron, after all those corporate tables you've paid for at Jewish functions, we've decided it's time to give you a chair."

Wayne (of Wayne and Shuster) also remarked jocularly about the regional loyalties that Jewish and Italian immigrants had in common.

Desire to huddle together

"Just as we Jews tease each other with all sorts of shtiklach about being Galicianers or Litvaks or Polishers, so do the Italians kibitz about coming from Calabria or Venice," he said. "The Italian immigrants have the same desire to huddle together around their own bell tower, and they call it *campanilismo*. It's like Jewish greenhorns in the New World seeking out their *landsmen*."

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Like Wayne, Israeli Consul-General **Gideon Saguy** was impressed by the appearance at the tribute dinner of **Xin Hong Cheng**, the consul-general of the Peoples' Republic of China. Though China has yet to recognize Israel, Cheng had come to pay his respects to Barbaro as the man who had imported China's panda bears to the Metro Zoo.

Saguy couldn't resist, however, observing to Wayne that the Great Wall built by the Chinese wasn't such a big deal.

"After all, we Jews built our own big walls centuries ago," said Saguy. "As enforced labor, we were the guys who built all those pyramids in Egypt."

"We were also the guys who built the real biggie — the Western Wall in Jerusalem," reported Wayne. "But why get into a hassle over walls, shmalls."

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George Cohon, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited, chatting with former Metro Chairman **Paul Godfrey**, remarked that the Italians shared with Jews warm family ties, a love for music, and a desire to achieve.

"You take Ron Barbaro," said Cohon. "He's a take-charge guy, lots of fun, a leader who never sits back when confronted with a comunity challenge.

"Remember, Paul, when you told us both the Santa Claus Parade was in danger of dying? Ron didn't hesitate for a minute to join me in jumping right in to the rescue. We had a ball together doing it. He's such a bright guy! Too bad he isn't Jewish.

Godfrey, now publisher of the Toronto Sun, answered dryly: "Isn't he? I always thought he was."

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The recent rash of headlines about terrorism has by no means deterred many of the prominent guests from changing their plans to fly to Israel.

"Naturally, we'll fly via El Al, because they take the greatest security precautions," said **Edward Bronfman**, vice-chairman of Edper Investments Ltd. The son of Allan Bronfman, who co-founded the Canadian Friends in 1944, Edward will receive an honorary doctorate at the Hebrew University at its convocation in June.

Wilfred Posluns, president of Dylex Limited, will also be flying to Israel in June with his wife, **Joyce**, and their children **Wendy**, **Lynn** and **David**. His late father, **Louis**, also a Scopus laureate, had his name enshrined in 1979 at the dedication of the Louis Posluns Building for Social Sciences on the Mount Scopus campus.

This June, the United Israel Appeal will dedicate a major facility — a theatre-cum-community centre — in the name of Wilfred's late brother, **Jack**. "As always, it will be a pleasure revisiting the Holy Land," said Posluns.

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Who were the evening's most graceful dancers? According to the observation of this reporter, it was a tie between two couples — **Issy Sharp**, president of Four Seasons Hotels Inc., waltzing with his wife, **Rosalie**, and his hotel chain partner, **Murray Koffler**, a debonair disco dancer in tandem with his wife, **Marvelle**.

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The most eloquent speech was given by **Ginetta Barbaro**, wife of the honoree. She cited the phrase from the 17th-century poet, John Donne, "No man is an island entire of itself."

In her invocation, she went on to say:

"The essence and meaning of this quotation is made evident through your presence here this evening. Community and charitable involvement is a call for unity that binds together people of all faiths with those enduring qualities of friendship, generosity of spirit and love.

"Never before has there been a more urgent need in this confused world for this unity. Clearly, the signs of brotherhood and harmony are visible here this evening."

Clustered around stuffed bear at tribute dinner by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University were Jack Hauer, Toronto chapter president (left); Dr. Gerry Halbert, national president; Ron Barbaro, Johnny Wayne, and Dr. Ralph Halbert, national chairman. [Graphic Artists photo]

Prominent wives at tribute dinner staged by Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University were Amy Hauer (left), Roz Halbert, Tootsie Halbert and Ginetta Barbaro. [Graphic Artists photo]

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Denies that thousands wish to leave

Soviet Jewish journalist criticizes the "myths"

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

A Moscow-based Jewish journalist claims it's a myth that "dozens and hundreds of thousands" of Jews wish to emigrate from the Soviet Union.

He also claims that "no one dismisses Refuseniks from jobs in the USSR or deprives them of the means of livelihood."

Both claims are made by Victor Magidson in a letter to the editor of The Canadian Jewish News, which was received via Telex and forwarded to The CJN's Toronto editorial office by the Soviet embassy in Ottawa.

In an enclosed note, V. Bogdanov, second secretary of press and information for the embassy, explains that Magidson is a Moscow journalist and literary critic.

"We would appreciate receiving a clipping or tearsheet, "Bogdanov says, "if you decide to publish the letter."

Magidson's letter is a 2-page rebuttal to a speech made by Genya Intrator, past national president of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, which was reported in the Jan. 16 edition of The CJN under the heading "Full bag of Moscow's tricks said used to stop emigration."

Magidson begins his rebuttal of her speech by drawing this parallel:

"My late grandfather, Yakov, was fond of telling me a tale about a man who first made an elephant out of a fly and then tried to make money by selling tusks."

He then goes on to deny Intrator's statement that there is only one synagogue in Moscow for almost 300,000 Jews.

"In fact, there are two synagogues in Moscow," says Magidson.

"If Ms Intrator visited them," he writes, "she would see that even in the Choral Synagogue, which has two halls, the service is normally held in the smaller hall, since the congregation is small."

He goes on to challenge her contention that "many Jews are arrested for such offences as drug dealing and possession of firearms, when their only offence was studying Hebrew."

He answers that charge with the claim that "for many years not a single Jew has been sentenced for possessing firearms." Without giving factual evidence, he maintains: "In the USSR, such cases are exceptionally rare."

As for drug dealing, he writes, "there was one such case in December, 1984, in which Julian Edelstein of Moscow was charged with possession of drugs."

Again, without providing objective factual evidence, he declares: "I attended the court hearing and can testify that Edelstein's guilt was proved beyond any doubt."

Magidson acknowledges: "Of course, there are some Jews who want to emigrate from the USSR."

But he denies that they range in the thousands.

He maintains that in November last year, Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's ambassador to the UN, said that 400,000 invitations were sent from either Soviet Jewish emigrants or from telephone directories.

"People who returned to the USSR from Israel explained that they were often promised jobs, but only if they invited their friends in the USSR to immigrate to Israel," claims Magidson.

"This explains the inflated figures, which have nothing to do with reality."

He further challenges Intrator's charge that Jewish mothers live in fear that their sons will be drafted in the army because then Soviet officials claim the young men have been subjected to state secrets. On that basis, according to Intrator, officials may not let the young men leave for up to 15 years.

Magidson refutes her charge with this argument:

"Many other countries, apart from the USSR, practice 'clearance terms,' whereby people who have any knowledge of state or military secrets are not allowed to emigrate."

Magidson does not define what the Soviet officialdom considers to be "state secrets." He resorts instead to this argument:

"Perhaps Ms Intrator thinks the Soviet Union should have two laws for the draft: one for the Jews, which would exempt them from army service, and the other for the rest of the population, making it incumbent on them to serve in the army?

"To me, a Jew and a father of two sons, the idea itself seems anti-semitic, because Ms Intrator's wishes of special rights for the Jews would clearly imply driving a wedge between different nationalities in the Soviet Union."

Finally, he claims that Refuseniks are not deprived of jobs in the Soviet Union and that many of them simply don't want to work.

He claims they "use the money donated by Canadians to live a carefree sort of life . . . I heard from one so-called Refusenik that one can live quite comfortably on this donated money. He admitted that for many years he and his friends had been given money for slandering the Soviet Union."

"Centrist" view for Conservatives

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO —

The Conservative movement represents the "centrist" view and is frequently the hardest position to be in when grappling with the truth, says Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz, dean of the Graduate School of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS), who was the guest lecturer at Beth Tikvah Synagogue's cultural weekend recently.

Rabbi Mayer Rabinowitz

"Black and white decision-making on Jewish issues robs human beings of their unique ability to think, reason, and use their brains," said the rabbi, in an interview following a weekend lecture series focusing on Jewish biomedical ethics.

"The tendency in North America for extremist positions on Jewish issues denies human beings the right to exert their individualism. What is right for one person may not necessarily apply to another," said Rabinowitz, who is also associate professor in Talmud on the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Ordained as a rabbi by the seminary, he received his PhD in Talmud in 1974. He was the editor-translator of Jewish Law in the State of Israel, Proceedings of the Rabbinical Assembly in 1974, and author of several critiques on medieval halachic works.

He has also written Responsa for the Committee of Jewish Law and Standards and has lectured widely. His paper on The Ordination of Women — An Advocate's Halachic Responses, was published in Judaism Magazine in 1984.

The seminary, based in New York City, is comprised of four schools: the undergraduate and graduate programs in Judaic studies (both of which are non-denominational), the Rabbinic School, and the Cantors Institute. JTS also incorporates the Prozdhor Hebrew High School.

Rabinowitz's domain involves overseeing the granting of MA and PhD degrees in Judaica, as well as degrees in Jewish communal social work, and accreditation for principals and teachers for Hebrew day and congregational schools.

Shaare Zedek's benefit to feature David Steinberg

TORONTO —

Winnipeg-born David Steinberg, the actor-comedian who has made his mark on U.S. television through the Johnny Carson Show, will headline the entertainment at the June 15 dinner-dance at Toronto's Constellation Hotel to benefit the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre in Jerusalem.

David Steinberg

The son of a rabbi, Steinberg was a student at Hebrew University in Jerusalem and is familiar with the hospital. He readily agreed when asked to do this benefit performance.

The Nylons singing quartet will also be featured. They recently won the Best Singers Award at the Tokyo Music Festival, which attracted singer and musicians from around the world. Using only voice and some percussive effects, the group has been a hit wherever they've appeared and their latest album, One Size Fits All, went "platinum."

Proceeds of the dinner will be used to establish The Canadian Entertainers' Gift of Life Fund in Neonatology Intensive Care at Shaare Zedek. Approximately 400 infants are treated in Shaare Zedek's intermediate and intensive care neonatal units, many of them referrals from other hospitals in Jerusalem and the West Bank.

Dinner chairman and master of ceremonies will be Al Waxman who was a Shaare Zedek honoree in 1984. Alex Grossman isa campaign chairman, Harvey Solursh tribute committee chairman, Jon Slan and Catherine McCartney-Brown are co-chairing the entertainment committee and Renee Solursh and Johanna Zagdansku are dinner arrangements co-chairmen.

It is expected that over 800 people will attend the black tie affair. For information and reservations, call The Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation at 781-3584.

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Organizations and People

"Bridge gap between needs and services"

Jewish groups share Ontario volunteer awards

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
It was a day of multicultural celebration, a day of modesty and pride, a day for recognizing the contribution volunteers make to Ontario and Toronto.

Some 765 individuals received 5-, 10- and 15-year pins and certificates awarded to them by the provincial ministry of citizenship and culture for volunteer service at a recent ceremony in the Sheraton Centre Grand Ballroom here.

Among the recipients were volunteers from several Jewish organizations: The Jewish Immigrant Aid Service of Canada — Toronto Region; Jewish Vocational Service of Metropolitan Toronto; Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, and the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir.

The Toronto ceremony was one of 20 held with more than 2,800 awards handed out across the province this year. It is the second year that the annual awards have been presented.

"Today we celebrate the hard work and dedication of individuals who in their own way, have made an enormous contribution to the continued wellbeing and strength of the Toronto community, and the Province of Ontario," said Minister of Citizenship and Culture, Lily Munro.

Adressing the volunteers specifically, Munro said: "Volunteers such as yourself bridge the gap that so often exists between community needs and existing services. You epitomize a caring community and a devotion to creating a change for the better. It is the very essence of good citizenship."

Joanna Miller, president of the Ontario Association of Volunteer Bureaux, told the audience of more than 2,000 that volunteerism is a measure of a community's health.

To emphasize the focus of the awards, seven symbolic recipients were chosen to represent the areas of service the program honors: arts, heritage, public libraries, community information centres, newcomer services, multiculturalism and citizenship, and the native community.

The other award winners then proceeded to the front of the balloon-decorated ballroom to receive blue Trillium pins and a certificate stating: In honor of your commitment to volunteerism.

As the Composer's Brass played background music, Munro handed out 15-year awards; Elinor Caplan, minister of government services, presented 10-year awards; and David Silcox, deputy minister of citizenship and culture gave out 5-year awards.

The response to the occasion by honorees of the Jewish organizations represented was a mixture of humility and joy.

"The award is very flattering, but you always feel your contribution is not that great," said Rae Orlan, who received a 15-year award for her work with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir.

Since becoming a member of the choir in 1939, Orlan has raised funds, helped with tickets and performed with the choir. She said she volunteered for the organization all these years, "because it is an organization that I love dearly."

Rae Orlan receives her volunteer service pin and certificate from Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro. [Gary Beechy photo]

Herb Rosenfeld, who was recently one of only 15 people in Ontario to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Volunteerism received a 15-year pin for his work with the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service of Canada.

"I just don't see any individual being able to function without a community. It's an obligation to help other people," he said. "You help yourself when you do it. The real volunteers can't fulfil their own lives unless they are helping others fulfil their's."

"I just enjoy working with people and helping people," said Lillian Rose, honored with a 5-year pin and certificate for her work with the Jewish Community Centre.

Active with the National Council of Jewish Women for 20 years, Rose was chairman of the JCC's Book Fair last year. In addition to her organized volunteer activities, Rose said she is very proud that she looks after her "92-year-young" father Jacob Grossman.

Professor Emeritus in the faculty of social work at the University of Toronto, Albert Rose, said volunteer work just seemed to be a "logical adjunct" to his work at the university.

Honored with a 15-year award for more than 37 years of work with the Jewish Vocational Service, Rose has served on numerous other community bodies. "I've always wanted to have one foot in the broader community and one in the Jewish community," he said.

Other award winners from Jewish organizations were: JIAS, Donald Grant; JVS, Robert Hall, Murray Levine, David Mouckley, Barrie Rose, and E.M. Sprackman; Toronto Jewish Folk Choir, Albert Abramowitz, Dr. J.S. Chaikoff, Brenda Fishauf, Henry Gord, and Bella Shek.

Awards are given to individuals who are residents of Ontario, have given continuous service of at least five years to an organization related to the ministry of citizenship and culture and are eligible to be nominated by their organization. Non-profit volunteer organization are allowed six nominations per year.

For more information contact: Volunteer Awards Program, Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, 5th floor, 77 Bloor St. W. Toronto, M7A 2R9; or phone (416) 965-7505.

Allergy seminar to give public the latest info

TORONTO —
Allergy sufferers take heart! If you have questions or concerns about any of your allergies, help will be available at Allergy 86, a 1-day seminar designed to educate the public on the latest information on the diagnosis and treatment of allergic diseases.

The Allergy Information Association will be holding the seminar for allergy sufferers and health care professionals from 8.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, at the Constellation Hotel. The event is sponsored by Janssen Pharmaccuticals.

Discussions will be conducted on environmental and skin allergies, adverse reactions to foods, and medication updates by guest speakers including Dr. Joseph Greenbaum, president of the Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology; Dr. Jerry Dolovich, McMaster Medical Centre; Dr. James Day, Kingston General Hospital; Dr. John Gerrard, Saskatoon University Hospital; and Dr. Arthur Leznoff, Allergist and Clinical Immunologist at St. Michael's Hospital.

"Allergy sufferers rarely have the opportunity for an open dialogue with reknowned allergy professionals; to question them and receive good, solid facts," explains Susan Daglish, executive director of the Allergy Information Association.

"The allergy 86 seminar has been designed not only to educate allergy sufferers, but also to provide a forum for them to meet other people who share their trials and tribulations," she said.

Admission is $45 for Allergy Information Association members and $50 for non-members. To register, contact the association at 25 Poynter Drive, Suite 7, Toronto M9R 1K8; (416) 244-9312.

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President seeks endowment funds

Technion must remain first "for Israel's sake"

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

We are either in first place, or we are not there at all says Josef Singer, president of the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology.

And Singer is determined, with the help of Technion societies in Canada and around the world, to keep the institution at the top, for its sake and for Israel's

Singer, (recently awarded the Fellowship of the City and the Guilds' Institute of London), was in Toronto on a tour to raise funds for the university he has been with since 1955.

His message is that the Technion is essential to Israel's growth and development.

And endowment funds, he continued, are essential to the growth and development of the Technion.

As Israel's only technological university, the Technion trains more than 70% of her engineers, the professor of aeronautical engineering says.

The impact of Technion training is felt in every industry from agriculture to aviation, he says, citing the development of drip irrigation as a Technion success.

The institution, he adds, not only serves industry but through its research also leads it by anticipating future needs and generating ideas.

Because exports are so crucial to Israel's economy, and because those exports are "brainpower dependent" high technology items, the Technion is crucial to Israel's future, Singer emphasizes.

But Israel's economic crunch could imperil the Technion's ability to train enough scientists, and the quality of those scientists.

Whereas up to four years ago the government funded the institution up to 75-80%, today, Singer says, government revenue has dwindled to 55%.

For an institution which by its technological orientation must have the latest equipment to train students and perform research, the shortfall is ominous.

Unless the pinch is relieved, Singer says, it imposes the possibilities of fewer students being admitted, or a loss of quality.

"We have a national task, but we do not have the means to carry it through fully. To perform the required task, we really need considerable additional funds."

And what is really needed, he adds, are endowment funds, the interest from which can be used to establish academic lectureships. These will bring fresh teaching and research personnel into the institution.

Canadian contributions thus far have been used mostly for the development of the Azrieli Architecture Building, Ivinier Faculty Club, Grossman Immunology Floor, and the Blankenstein Academic Lectureship, says Emanuel Shimoni, executive vice-president of the Canadian Technion Society.

Now, however, with the emphasis on building an endowment fund, Singer and Shimoni are working to have Toronto double its contributions so the Technion can create four academic lectureships in the next three years.

With a student body of 8,000 (6,000 undergraduates, 2,000 graduates) and 20 departments and faculties, the Technion is expected to grow to 10,000 students over the next five to 10 years.

The endowment fund will be essential to creating the financial freedom that permits those students and faculty to enter new areas of research, Singer says.

Among his many achievements, Singer was recently re-elected president of the International Council of Aeronautical Sciences. Among those who voted for him, he says, were representatives of the USSR and the People's Republic of China.

The author of more than 90 scientific and professional articles, Singer serves on the board of directors of Israel Aircraft Industries.

He was directly involved with the development of the Kfir C-2 fighter, and predicts that the Lavi will soon fly and bring additional economic benefits to Israel.

For more information on the Technion and contributions, contact Emanuel Shimoni at the society's office, (416) 789-4545.

Local Jewish leaders with Prof. Josef Singer, president of the Technion, (from left) Prof. Singer, Irving Waltman, Sidney Cooper and Elias Friedman. [William Lanning photo]

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Culmination of weekend of celebrations

Tribute dinner honors past Bialik chairmen

By NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO —

More than 300 people attended a recent tribute dinner honoring past chairmen of the board of Bialik Hebrew Day School. The dinner was the culmination of a weekend of events celebrating the 25th anniversary of the school, the 50th anniversary of the Borochov School and the 60th anniversary of the Jewish Folk Shule (Farbund Shule).

The three institutions marked the development of Jewish education in Toronto by the Labor Zionist Movement and its precursors.

"You are the bridge between Israel and the Diaspora," said Israeli Consul-General Gideon Saguy who spoke not only as a representative of the State of Israel but as a parent of children who attend Bialik.

"Three thousand years ago a nation, a people, a language and a land came together. Tonight is a continuation of that. This is for those in so many villages during thousands of years for whom Jewish education was a way of life," said Saguy.

The evening's honorees were (in order of when they served as chairmen): Julius Sokoloff, Kalmen Berger (deceased), Morris Jackson (now living in Jerusalem), Victor Topper, Barney Loftus, Sidney Wax, Sandra Brown, and Harry Steiner, all distinguished contributors to Zionist organizations and Jewish education in Toronto.

The keynote address was made by Nachum Wilchesky, director of education at Jewish People's, Peretz, and Bialik schools in Montreal.

The Folk Shule of the Jewish National Workers Alliance (Farbund) began in 1925 in two semi-detached houses located at 24 Cecil St. In the early 1930s a branch was opened on Euclid Ave. to serve families that lived further west.

The Borochov School and Kindergarten was founded by the Borochov Movement (Left Poalei Zion) in 1932 on the main floor of a house at 1 Major St.

Several years later it expanded to 368 College St. above a furniture store, and in 1950 opened a new building at 330 Lippincott St. As parents in both movements recognized the need for a Jewish day school they got together under the Labor Zionist Movement to found Bialik at 12 Viewmount.

With an initial group of 50 children and a staff of three, the school has grown to serve 700 children with a staff of 70.

Anniversary celebrations began with an open house at the school, then continued the following evening with an informal reunion of alumni, present students, staff and parents.

"Where else could you find bubbies, zaydies and grandchildren at the same reunion for three different schools," said event coordinator Susan Freedman.

Speakers included David Gamliel, principal of the school, and Mimi Mekler, an alumna from the first graduating class.

The master of ceremonies was student council president Ari Finkelstein, who is one of two Canadian students chosen to go to Israel to compete in this year's International Bible Contest. Also notable were dance performances by Rivka Atzmony's Senior Dance Group.

The weekend was capped off by a video on the history of the school, produced especially for the anniversary celebrations.

Former Bialik Hebrew Day School chairmen (from left) Harry Steiner, Julius Sokoloff, Sandra Brown, Victor Topper and Barney Loftus toast the school's 25th anniversary during recent celebrations at the Borochov Centre. [Graphic Artists photo]

Yeshiva U Friends will honor three at June dinner

TORONTO —

Three prominent supporters of Toronto's Jewish community will be honored by the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University at the organization's centennial dinner at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on June 17.

The Friends will honor Nachman Sokol, Kurt Rothschild and Lewis J.E. Moses, while looking back on the university's illustrious history. Guest speaker will be Dr. Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University.

Sokol has served the Toronto Jewish community and Israel for over 50 years. He has been a leader of the Mizrachi movement, and the focus of his concern has been the advancement of Jewish education.

Rothschild has served the Canadian Jewish community for over 30 years. He has been honored as a national member of Yeshiva University's board of trustees and has served as president of the Canadian Friends of Yeshiva University in Toronto.

Moses has served as vice-president of Eitz Chaim, associate chairman of top gifts of United Jewish Appeal; vice-president of Jewish National Fund; and national treasurer of Herut Party of Canada.

Yeshiva University started as Yeshivat Eitz Chaim — a school for young boys — on Sept. 15, 1886 by immigrant tailors and peddlers on New York City's Lower East Side to allow for advanced Torah studies. In 1915 it merged with the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary — the first Orthodox rabbinical seminary in the U.S. — and in 1929 Yeshiva College was opened.

Since that day, Yeshiva University, through its affiliated Elchanan seminary, has ordained more than 2,000 Orthodox rabbis.

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Olim Shelanu

Daughter's move inspires mother to think of aliya

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Sheri Burns, the daughter of **Evelyn** and **Perry Burns** of Toronto, is returning to Israel with a new career — as a family therapist. She first made aliya 10 years ago as an agronomist.

"I am supporting her decision whole heartedly, financially and emotionally," her mother told The Canadian Jewish News. "She is aware of the problems in Israel. She is wearing neither rose-colored glasses nor blinkers. She is excited by the challenges of life there."

Sheri, a graduate of William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate and local Hashomer Hatzair groups, earned a Master's degree in agronomy with a view to living productively in Israel. Part of her training involved a program in Rehovot. She returned to Canada so her Israeli husband could work towards his doctorate in agronomy, at the University of Guelph. They have since separated. She has two children.

Sheri Burns

Her mother said that Sheri was uncomfortable with the "search for material goods and comfort" in North America, and decided to return.

Commented Mrs. Burns: "My daughter inspires me. I look forward one day to making the same move. To be with her and my two precious grandchildren, and all together strive to contribute whatever we can to our land is my dream. B'Shana Habaa B'Eretz Israel."

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Lisa Kanter, the daughter of **Nina** and **Alan Kanter** of Toronto, will be available for a talk or two at the end of August when she visits here. She has her own practice in Haifa in psychological counseling.

Lisa, her husband **Alan,** and their twin children **Benjamin** and **Sarah** made aliya seven years ago.

They first settled in Beersheba so that Alan, a native of Denver, could follow up his University of Arizona specialty in desert architecture at Sde Boker's Institute for Desert Research. They moved to Haifa when he entered graduate studies at the Technion.

Lisa is a graduate of Northview Heights Collegiate and York University. She is prepared to discuss her counseling experiences with: children of Holocaust survivors, and of kibbutzim, women, and Arabs in a Jewish milieu. Lisa addressed a number of groups on her last visit to Toronto, about two years ago.

For more information, phone her mother at 226-3948.

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New residents to Israel are often surprised at the attention Israelis give to cars, color TV sets, VCRs and other accessories of life. Besides providing pleasure in themselves, durable luxury goods constitute a haven for devaluating currency and increasing taxation.

Many Israelis also appreciate the degrees of recompense, however small, provided by such goods for the tensions of every day life. They are taken as just due by residents of established kibbutzim and moshavim — a partial reward for the early years of toil and danger in establishing the land. There is also the feeling that if residents of the West can have such goods, so can they.

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Heard on a recent Kol Israel shortwave broadcast: The government of Israel is denying rumors that it will devalue the shekel. This is a familiar statement to Israelis new and old alike, and has often propelled them into supermarkets and department stores to fill up buggies before prices go up. Such stocking-up is an Israeli version of a sale.

Food baskets sent for Pesach

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —
Hundreds of disadvantaged Jewish families in Metro have enjoyed a happier Passover as the result of a project undertaken by the Toronto Section of the National Council of Jewish Women.

A Passover Food Basket project, a program directed at Toronto Jewish families on welfare or other forms of public assistance, has been organized and shows signs of being an outstanding success, say organizers.

"This is the first year ever that we have done this on such a scale in this community," says Rochelle Reingold, NCJW, vice-president of service. "It's a start and its a way to celebrate the holiday with some dignity."

While the National Council is handling the project, it has enjoyed strong support from other organizations, particularly the Jewish Board of Education and the Jewish Family & Child Service.

Board of Education administrators encouraged students in day and supplementary schools to bring kosher l'Pesach goods for collection and distribution by the National Council.

The contributions are then divided into packages appropriate for the various clients: singles, couples, families with children. Each box contains such items as matzoh, matzoh meal, jam, kosher grape juice, honey, and many also have candy treats.

Reingold said the organizers have been particularly careful to protect the privacy of the people who will receive donations. All of these were drawn from the JF & CS client list and invited to request the special packages.

Reingold also said the project is a perfect illustration of the three aims of the NCJW: education, awareness and community service. There are poor Jews in our community and their needs must be met, particularly at a time of the year when Jews are encouraged to reflect upon their sense of peoplehood, organizers say.

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Big family bash for Lena Kandel

Celebration set for 100-year-old matriarch

TORONTO —

Lena Kandel doesn't give a thought to turning 100 years old. "You never think about these things," a spry Mrs. Kandel says. "You just hope."

Mrs. Kandel, who will turn 100 on May 30, says she's feeling "not bad" these days from her home at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

A mother of six, grandmother of nine and great-grandmother of 15, Mrs. Kandel's brood is planning a big bash for the family matriarch on May 25 at Temple Sinai on Wilson Ave. Congratulatory telegrams are sure to arrive from the Prime Minister and from Queen Elizabeth. Another bash — a mazel tov night — is planned for May 28 at the Baycrest.

Born in Philadelphia in 1886, Lena Rabinowitch and her family moved to Canada in the 1890s. When her mother died an untimely death, Lena was sent back to Philadelphia to live with an aunt. It was there she met her husband Philip Kandel, a salesman. They were married in 1905 and moved first to London and then to Toronto, where they settled in a small house at University and Armoury, now the site of the court houses.

Until three years ago, Mrs. Kandel lived on her own and kept house on Belvedere Ave., where she would prepare Shabbat dinner for the whole family, says her daughter, Bayla Panzer.

Her father Simon was a founding member of the Shomrai Shaboth Chevra Mishnayot, a small synagogue originally located on Chestnut St. and now on Glengrove Ave. in Toronto.

Mrs. Kandel served as president and secretary of the shul's ladies' auxiliary for many years and was also secretary of the auxiliary of the Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society.

She was also active in the Jewish Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Kandel would go on afternoon trips to Toronto Island with her girlfriends well into her 80s.

Two of her children, sons Morris and Joseph, are deceased. Her husband Philip, who was born in the Galicia area of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, died in 1950.

Her surviving children are sons Morris and Israel and daughters Panzer and Dorothy Rabinowitz. Morris changed his family name to Kendal.

An ardent reader, Mrs. Kandel has read all the works of Charles Dickens. Cataracts have since slowed down her voracious appetite for the classics. She was also an opera and ballet buff.

Her youngest descendant, Jessica Beth Panzer, was born two months ago in her great-grandmother's centennial year.

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100-year-old Lena Kandel holds 2-month old great-granddaughter Jessica Beth Panzer.

Single father seeks to start support group

By
RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Gary Blustein is a victim of reverse sexual stereotyping. As a single father of a son, Blustein has to contend with people asking how often he has visiting rights, dates who are a bit surprised upon meeting his 8-year-old boy Erin, and raised eyebrows from single mothers whenever he attends a PTA meeting.

Blustein, a 34-year-old lawyer, is a rare commodity. Because almost 90% of custody battles end in the woman winning, there aren't many single fathers and even fewer single Jewish fathers.

Blustein has been divorced for four years and he's found that single Jewish fathers haven't merited the same attention from the community as have single Jewish mothers.

That's why he wants to start an informal support group for single Jewish fathers, where "the guys" can swap notes on everything from the price of apple juice to how to handle bringing home a date when the kids are around.

The North East Valley branch of the Jewish Community Centre has a group for single Jewish parents but Blustein says it's composed almost entirely of mothers of older children.

"Most of the organized community focuses on single women," Blustein told The CJN in a recent interview. "More often, when it's a Jewish single father, it's when the wife has passed away. There's not a lot of awareness that we're out there too.

"People see a man with a child and assume you're just a weekend father. The natural assumption is, 'Oh, is that your son? How often do you get to see him?' "

The notion of the working father isn't the same as the working mother, Blustein adds. After all, fathers are *supposed* to work. Working mothers are often thought of as single; working fathers sounds funny.

And Blustein has also discovered that the Jewish community isn't exactly prepared for single fathers.

"I'd like to join the JCC's health club and take my son with me, but they don't allow kids. A lot of the time, when a couple goes on a vacation, there's a major discount for the kids or kids can stay in motels free. But with just a father and son, it's always full fare. I can't attend a lot of these single things because they're all called for 7.30. That time is spent with my son.

"I wouldn't call it discrimination, but sometimes, we're excluded," Blustein says.

His situation, he admits, has made him more empathetic to women generally.

"I walk out of board meetings with kids' toys under my arm, or my son will call in the middle of a meeting. I'm a Block Parent, do carpools and go to PTA meetings. While I'm thinking of my clients, I'll also think about whether there's enough milk at home."

Dating too can be a problem: "A lot of girls have never encountered a situation like mine. Younger girls tend to shy away — older women see me as a proven commodity.

"Sometimes, I wonder how other single fathers have fared. I'd love to talk to them."

If interested, call Gary Blustein at 869-1234.

Gary Blustein and son Erin light Chanukah candles.

Prose, poetry, song set for Yom Hashoa

TORONTO —

Pages of Testimony — prose, poetry and song created by victims and survivors of the Holocaust — will be presented at the Yom Hashoa Annual Community Holocaust Commemoration at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

Al Waxman and Vivian Reis will be the narrators of Pages of Testimony which is produced by Hindy Abelson and Srul Irving Glick. The presentation is described as showing European Jews clinging tenaciously to their belief in life as they faced destruction. Their creativity mirrors the soul of a tortured people, organizers say.

The readers of Pages of Testimony will be Harvey Atkin, Allen Farkas, Gloria Valentine and Eda Zimler-Schiff.

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Throne Speech aimed at long-term achievement

Ontario to place emphasis on seniors' programs

By JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO —

Ontario will place a greater emphasis on programs to allow seniors to live independently in their own communities, to improve their quality of life, the government announced in last week's Speech from the Throne.

Ontario Lieutenant Governor Lincoln Alexander read the speech opening the second session of the 33rd Parliament of Ontario after arriving at Queen's Park by horse-drawn landau and reviewing an OPP honor guard.

There he was greeted by hundreds of people who came to hear — and watch — the first throne speech of Premier David Peterson's government on video screens in the Legislative Building. This was in keeping with the Liberals' "government without walls" style of government which began at the swearing-in ceremonies last June when Peterson and his cabinet were sworn in at in a public ceremony outside the Legislature.

In outlining the government's legislative agenda for the current session, Alexander said the throne speech was "a framework for long-term achievement, rather than a list of short-term promises.

"It outlines some of the steps Ontario must take over the next decade to ensure its place as the world class society of the 21st century," the Lieutenant-Governor said.

In the area of health care, Alexander announced that the minister of health willl shortly release a white paper on health and social services for the elderly which will provide directions to serve the needs of senior citizens to allow them to maintain their independence.

As well as placing a greater emphasis on programs for seniors, the government announced that it will create regional geriatric units in selected community hospitals and a multi-disciplinary department of geriatrics at an Ontario university to improve teaching in the area of geriatric care.

The government also plans to coordinate community services to ensure that senior citizens who require assistance obtain the necessary services with a "minimum of inconvenience and delay."

Recognizing that public expenditures in health care have been escalating rapidly over the past decade and that the ministry of health's budget would nearly double if this trend is allowed to continue into the next century, the government announced that it will launch a study on future directions in health care.

Among the issues that it will address are changes in the demographic and health profiles of citizens, trends in health, manpower and technology, the need for emphasis on preventive programs and the changing patterns of health services.

While stressing that it will continue to build on its traditional resources, the government announced that it will "master the new standards of a world economy in order to maintain and create jobs" through such initiatives as:

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☐ **Introducing measures to expand opportunities for small business and entrepreneurship. This will include the government's long awaited legislation to permit independent grocery stores to sell beer and wine.**

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At the same time, students gathered about 17 boxes of Passover food such as matzos, soup, cake tuna and candies, for Maot Chittin — food given to needy families so they can prepare for Passover.

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"The whole land is our land"

TV special bears Arab claims to all of Israel

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —

Arab claims to all of Israel were brought into local homes through a recent 3-hour Channel 17 television special, Flashpoint.

In this reviewer's opinion, PLO leader Yasser Arafat is preparing to score another public relations triumph in the face of adversity — possible funding cuts from Arab oil-producing states.

"The whole land is our land," said Sami Hadawi, in Toronto. "The belief among Palestinians abroad is that we are going back."

The elderly, distinguished looking man added: "At the very least, they should compensate us," for the property abandoned during the 1948 War of Independence.

Translator Ghada Kouri, also of Toronto, described Jewish control of the Holy Land, including the territories within the pre-67 boundaries, as "occupation." The intense, vibrant woman, who complained of the extra security checks she and her son were subjected to on the trip to Israel, said: "We want to live in harmony with the Jews like before 1948. We always lived in harmony before."

Program host Stephen Talbot did not correct her statement with any account of the pogroms and massacres that raged through Palestine for generations prior to 1948.

Hadawi and Houri were among 10 Buffalo and Toronto pro-Arab and pro-Israel spokesmen interviewed for their views as part of the program. The show included two Israeli-made films of about 20 minutes each. These were followed by a pro-Arab film about 45 minutes long. Comment between the films was provided by Israeli MK Ehud Olmert and an Arab-American spokesman at Columbia University, Rashid Khalidi.

The Canadian Arab Federation's Rashid Saleh said that "the PLO represents the Palestinians." He said that it was up to public opinion in Canada and the U.S. to compel Washington to pressure Israel to negotiate with the PLO.

Aron Shai, an Israeli historian in Toronto, said that individual Arabs whom Israel tried to deal with all "disappeared."

The Canada-Israel Committee's Shira Herzog-Bessin, history professor Josef Olmert, and businessmen Harvey Schiller and Irving Shuman pointed out Israel's security concerns and Israel's difficulties in maintaining a concerted dialogue with responsible Arab leaders.

The Arab-produced film, Occupied Palestine, described alleged Israeli atrocities from 1948 on. These, according to the film, included rape, clubbing, police torture and gratuitous shootings.

Arab elders were shown strolling through fields and pointing out where former neighbors had lived, before fleeing in 1948. The Arab elders do not mention that a call from neighboring Arab states to clear out temporarily for the anticipated drive by their armies got those neighbors to leave. Wrinkled old women — with impressionable young children at their side — cursed the Israelis and exhort the fedayeen to liberate all of Palestine and Jerusalem.

An Arab in the film describes Zionism as a "capitalist tool" and an "agent of British imperialism." Another calls for a joint struggle with "the Arab masses and the Jews to liberate Palestine from Zionism."

One of the two short Israeli films screened described the "family quarrel" among Israelis on how to deal with the Arabs and the terrorism of Judea and Samaria. The acrimony expressed by novelist A. B. Yehoshua against a Gush Emunim spokesman was at least as intense and bitter as the Arab feelings against the Jews in the Arab-made film.

The first Israeli film screened reviewed the Jews' historical ties to Hebron and the Etzion Heights to the north. Its restraint was commendable from the point of view of taste; in the context of a propaganda night, it made for a woefully inadequate presentation.

Judea and Samaria were consistently referred to as "the occupied territories" by Talbot, the program host.

Women's movement affected

Polite form of racism seen

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO —

Canadian Jews are facing a "polite form" of anti-semitism in their community activities, particularly in the women's movement, said Elyse Goldstein, assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple.

Speaking at a recent interfaith event for women sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, Goldstein said that Christian language and imagery is commonly used at public gatherings of secular interest and that insensitivity to the Jewish day of rest and holidays is often shown when scheduling events.

"Right here in Toronto, events for International Women's Day were planned on a Saturday even after a number of Jewish women protested. This is an example of how Jewishness is trivialized within feminism," said Goldstein.

Anti-semitic themes can be identified in both Christian and secular feminist literature, said Goldstein. She cited an article entitled Jesus was a Feminist by Leonard Swidler which emphasizes that when Jesus rejected Judaism he was rejecting Jewish repression of women.

Similarly, the feminist view of history asserts that patriarchal society began with monotheism. "Before the Hebrew God came along we had goddesses," such views claim. "Then Judaism oppressed women until Jesus taught otherwise. We get it from both sides," said Goldstein.

In the secular feminist movement, the anti-Zionist phenomenon is the most concrete manifestation of anti-semitism. "If there is to be a Jewish woman on a panel, there must also be a PLO representative. In Nairobi (last summer's United Nations conference on the status of women), Jewish women were prevented from speaking, not only on Israel but on Judaism," said Goldstein.

She added that feminism rewards "good Jews" who do not speak out on issues like anti-Zionism and Christ imagery, and regards as "bad Jews" those that do.

"In the feminist world I have to justify being a Jew and in the Jewish world I have to justify being a feminist," said Goldstein.

In her keynote address on the event's theme, Responding to Suffering, Goldstein said that Judaism and Christianity use images such as the silent suffering Madonna or Rachel in order to glorify the suffering of women as righteous, and prevent women from dealing with their feelings of being peripheral or secondary.

"We are reactors rather than actors, the power behind rather than the power, the brownie bakers not the decision-makers," said Goldstein.

She asserted that women are taught to respond to other people's suffering before their own and called on women to question the oppressive policies of their own clergy before questioning those of foreign governments.

In a workshop entitled Jewish Women and the Peace Movement, Freida Foreman and Marcy Gilbert said that the Jewish concept of tikun haolam (repair of the world) provides religious justification for the current struggle against the nuclear arms race. Foreman and Gilbert, co-founders of the Shalom Disarmament group, said that although Jews have long been active as individuals in the peace movement, there is a glaring absence of a collective Jewish voice.

Shalom Disarmament believes that the peace movement should have a recognition of its Jewish antecedents and that the Jewish community has a responsibility to speak out against the potential for a nuclear holocaust. "As a Jew I know that the impossible can happen," said Gilbert.

Jewish law states that war cannot be waged in such a manner as to destroy God's creations because life must go on afterwards, she said, adding that this is of particular relevance in the nuclear age.

Other workshops were held on such topics as wife abuse, women in the work force, and lesbianism. The experiences of native women and Japanese Canadian women were also discussed at the event, which attracted about 150 participants.

Dinner for Tutu

TORONTO —

The Bishop Desmond Tutu Dinner to aid the Toronto Arts Against Apartheid Festival Foundation will be held at the Metro Convention Centre on May 30 at 6 p.m.

Among the dignitaries scheduled to attend will be Bishop Desmond Tutu, Ontario Premier David Peterson, Harry Belafonte, Canadian ambassador to the UN Stephen Lewis, Ontario Ombudsman Daniel Hill, film producer Norman Jewison and Dennis McDermott, president of Canadian Labor Congress.

Entertainment for the event will be provided by Salome Bey and the Royal Canadian Air Farce.

Tickets are $100 and can be purchased by calling the dinner committee at 597-8222.

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Dr. Samuel Librach

Doctors Hospital appoints Silver

TORONTO —

Dr. E. Harvey Silver, a member of the Department of Medicine at Doctors Hospital, has been appointed president of the 1986-1987 medical staff executive at the hospital.

Silver specializes in internal medicine, haematology and oncology. As president of the executive, he also sits on the board of directors of the hospital.

Appointed to the position of secretary on the executive is Dr. Samuel Librach. Librach, chief of obstetrics and gynecology at the hospital.

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Over 2,500 athletes competing

Youth Maccabi Games reinforce Jewish identity

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Every Maccabi Canada official will tell you the same thing. Not only do the Maccabiah Games provide good international competition, but they reinforce for many young athletes their Jewish identity and strengthen their ties to Israel and Jews around the world.

With that in mind, the Maccabi Canada braintrust is busy beavering away in the finest Canadian tradition, planning to host the largest and best Youth Maccabiah Games "extravaganza" yet.

When the 2,500 young athletes between the ages of 12 and 16 (you're too old if you turn 17 before Aug. 1) arrive in Toronto, they'll be faced with a full slate of activities that will remind them, in case they'd forgotten, that the reason they're competing in the 3rd Youth Maccabiah is because they're *Jewish* athletes.

Following the opening ceremonies on Friday, Aug. 15, the young competitors (housed at York University) will enjoy a Shabbat dinner and an Oneg Shabbat, featuring Canadian singers who've written a song dedicated to the Games, as well as a well-known Israeli rock star.

A few days later they'll enjoy an "Israeli night," with folk dancing, singers and other performances.

Also on the agenda is a bingo/games night, a performance by a magician, an athletes' talent show, a Monte Carlo Night, a barbecue, a fireworks display, more music and, in case they hadn't enough exercise, they can bop till they drop to the sounds of a rock band.

With that kind of social schedule to greet them, athletes will be forgiven if they think they've stumbled into a new kind of summer fun camp.

But, between social events, they'll also limber up and compete in a dozen sports such as swimming, basketball, volleyball, track and field, gymnastics, tennis, sailing, squash, racquetball, table tennis, softball and soccer.

Athletes from 12 countries are expected at the games, say planners from both Maccabi Canada and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto, who are jointly organizing the "extravaganza."

But what makes the Youth Maccabiah a little different is that "athletes will participate by delegation representing a JCC, YM-YWHA, Maccabi Club or other Jewish organization or agency in a given geographic area," say Games officials.

That of course won't affect the international flavor of the Games, what with kids participating from Canada, the U.S., Great Britain, France, Argentina, Brazil, Australia, Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico and Israel.

Interestingly, as long as the young competitors are the right age, Jewish, pay the $150 (U.S.) entry fee, and meet the May 15 deadline for applications, they're eligible to participate.

With that kind of open field, you can expect a "mixed" calibre of athlete, says Harold Cipin, head of administration for the Games.

The American contingent is expected to bring some state champs (in swimming and track), while an American basketball team will feature only one girl who has ever played organized ball.

But that doesn't matter, says Cipin, since the Games are "a complete Jewish athletic, cultural, educational and social festival, geared to provide a complete Jewish experience to Jewish kids all over the world."

Enjoying the warm, cosmopolitan atmosphere will be about 350 Canadian youngsters, Cipin says, with Toronto supplying the largest contingent — about 150. Montreal is expected to send about 75 sportsmen, Winnipeg 40, Ottawa 25, Hamilton 25 and others will attend from points West.

With that many Canadians coming, as well as the thousands from abroad, organizers are putting out a call for volunteer families to billet some of the out-of-towners.

Volunteer families are expected to house the youngsters, transport them to and from the JCC or York University each morning and evening, feed them breakfast and a Shabbat dinner.

Volunteers can contact Barbara Lampcov at (416) 636-1880.

Potential athletes can contact Marty Tweyman, captain of the Toronto team, at (416) 438-0431.

Others who are playing a major role in organizing the games include Sid Greenberg, president of Maccabi Canada, Marty Hayman, chairman of the Youth Games, Cipin, Bernie Offstein, competition chairman, Stan Budd, publicity and promotions, Bill Schwalm, financial advisor and Orian Feldman, in charge of social activities.

Athletes eye spot for Games

TORONTO —

How else but through Maccabi Canada can a young athlete go from tossing a ball around in a school gym to international competition in just four short months?

With the Youth Maccabiah Games scheduled for mid-August in Toronto, the host country's contingent is beginning to take shape in a number of sports, with tryouts for the girls and boys volleyball teams scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 and May 14 respectively.

"No experience is necessary," says team coach Shelly Rodney, "and all positions are available."

All the coach and the Maccabi organizers ask is that the prospective athletes bring their gym equipment and "an enthusiasm and willingness to learn."

Rodney, a phys ed and health education instructor at Emery Collegiate in North York, says 12 positions are available on both the boys and girls teams. Those who make the teams will not only participate in the junior games this summer, but may form the grass roots nucleus for a senior Canadian entry at the next Maccabiah Games in Israel, three years down the road.

Tryouts, to be held at the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., will run from 9-10.30 p.m. on May 7 for the girls team, and 9-10.30 p.m. on May 14 for the boys.

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Society becoming increasingly litigous

JCC suffers huge increase in insurance costs

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
When five expert panelists recently convened in North York to discuss "the insurance liability crisis," the choice of venue was ironically appropriate.

Their comments about skyrocketing premium charges and reduced liability coverage fit to a T the situation faced by the Leah Posluns Theatre, whose insurance coverage is part of a package arranged by the Jewish Community Centre.

The JCC has suffered a 400% increase in insurance premiums over the last two years, says Eric Lakien, director of administration for the JCC — from $25,000 to about $120,000. Along with that jump in premium has come reduced coverage.

As if on cue, to drive home the problems faced by public institutions and buildings, one of the spectators climbing the stairs in the theatre stumbled and barely kept himself from falling and injuring himself, perhaps narrowly avoiding a potentially damaging claim.

That sort of situation — someone getting injured at a public place — is worrying both property owners and insurers, who've seen a huge jump in the number of claims and payouts in the last few years, said Ted Belton, president of the Insurers Advisory Organization of Canada, one of the panelists at the seminar.

In recent years, there's been a 328% rise in claims, said Belton, even though property owners and businesses are now taking extra care to ensure the safety of their buildings and products.

The reason behind the increase in claims, Belton stated, is that society is becoming increasingly litigous, "holding people to a higher standard (of care) than in the past."

People want a risk-free environment; they expect compensation for injuries and courts are awarding damages even in situations where negligence is not proved. That increases insurers' payouts, driving up premiums, he stated.

In that respect courts are reflecting a shift in "the values of society," from the traditional tort system (where proof of negligence or fault is a prerequisite for liability) to a compensation system, where fault need not be proved, he said.

William Somerville, a lawyer with 35 years experience in insurance law, drew a connection between the premiums paid by Canadians and the state of the international reinsurance market (where an insurer spreads the risks among other insurance companies).

When offshore reinsurers suffer financially, often because of huge payouts for claims outside Canada, premiums in this country go up, he said.

Somerville, a senior partner at Borden & Elliot, attributed some of the responsibility for the insurance crisis on the increasing tendency of Canadian courts to award large payouts for claims. In 1980, a court awarded $626,000 for a loss of two arms above the elbow, he said. In 1986, another court awarded $3 million for the loss of one arm below the elbow.

Monte Kwinter, provincial minister of commercial and consumer relations, told the audience of about 75 his ministry is attempting to resolve the "immediate problem of availability, while seeking long term solutions."

He pointed to a ministry telephone insurance information service which gives advice and assistance to those trying to obtain new coverage or extensions of existing coverage.

The City of Mississauga was one such beneficiary of the service, Kwinter stated, when it faced a problem in renewing its insurance. "The city was looking at a reduction in coverage at a much higher cost and the reduced coverage meant affiliated recreation groups would not be covered," he said.

Turning to the problem of reinsurance, Kwinter said a ministry action program coordinated a group of insurance companies to form a "subscription policy arrangement."

Under that plan, each company insures a percentage of the risk, with the overall risk spread among the participating companies.

"It is our desire that no organization ever be faced with a situation in which it is unable to get insurance at any price," he said.

Mel Swart, NDP critic of consumer and commercial relations, agreed there was a need to develop a homegrown reinsurance industry. But he argued insurers were "being irresponsible" and they couldn't justify the steep rise in premiums.

He called for no fault car insurance, a suggestion echoed by Helen Anderson, spokeswoman for the Consumers Association of Canada. Anderson noted it was the consumer who ultimately bore the cost of increased premiums, through higher property taxes, professional fees, day care costs and shipping costs.

So far, those extra insurance costs have not been passed on to the consumer of the services of some major Jewish insitutions in Toronto. Bernard Shoub, director of school finances of the Board of Jewish Education, said judging from the policy rates quoted by insurers, "there hasn't been a serious escalation," among Jewish schools, though each school handles negotiations for insurance individually.

Arthur Tannenbaum, executive vice-president of Associated Hebew Schools, agrees increases in third party liability insurance have been "fairly nominal."

But William Babb, administrator of finances at the Baycrest Centre, told The CJN the Centre experienced a drop in third party liability coverage on April 1, from a $25 million limit to $6 million with a corresponding increase in premiums of 50%.

That translates into an extra $13,000 per year, a small sum in the Centre's $50 million budget. Babb said that extra cost likely won't be passed on to the Centre's residents, and he didn't foresee any problems with insurance in the future.

At Coordinated Services to Jewish Elderly, which runs the kosher Meals on Wheels service, Michael Scheinert, executive director, agrees there has been "no significant impact yet" on the agency.

There has been a jump of almost 100% in premiums, he acknowledged, but that amounts to only a few hundred dollars more per year. The cost has been absorbed by the agency and hasn't been passed on to any of those who enjoy the 60,000 meals delivered each year.

And at the JCC, the story is much the same. The 400% jump in premiums is tied to the inherent risk in running potentially injurious athletic programs, said Lakien. And for the first time, a deductible has been injected into the equation, something the agency never had to deal with before.

Lakien expects the higher premiums won't be passed on to members in their yearly dues, though some of it will be paid for through higher user fees for certain services, he said.

Lakien adds there have been no major claims to justify an increase in premiums. In fact, over the past several years, the JCC faced on average only 3-4 claims — claims so minor that the legal fees usually exceeded the final settlement.

To meet the current insurance squeeze, the JCC is now exploring a pool insurance plan. Under that approach, the JCC would combine with other Jewish agencies and community service organizations to approach insurers for a reduced rate for a group of perhaps 20-30 organizations.

No doubt the administrators of the organization hope that approach may cushion the blow of rising premiums so the organizations' budgets will remain free to provide the services they're meant to.

Tony Ruprecht (right), provincial minister without portfolio for disabled persons, Gerlad Clarke (centre), manager information services, secretariat disabled persons, and Robert Rowland (left), president, Bell Cellular, make a call on a Bell Cellular mobile telephone.

Ontario, Bell study the need of emergency link for disabled

TORONTO —
The government of Ontario and Bell Cellular recently announced their participation in a 6-month pilot project to evaluate the need for cellular telephones in automobiles and vans operated by disabled persons.

The project, proposed by the provincial government's secretariat for disabled persons, will run until September.

"The primary goal of this program is to provide an emergency link for disabled persons who might find themselves stranded as a result of an accident or mechanical failure," said Tony Ruprecht, minister without portfolio for disabled persons.

Bell Cellular will provide 12 cellular telephones, which operate by emitting radio signals, and six months free service to 10 Ontario drivers with physical disabilities. The remaining two phones will be located at the Hugh MacMillan Medical Centre.

The drivers will be selected through the Canadian Paraplegic Association and the driver education program of the MacMillan Centre.

Ruprecht stated that following favorable results of the pilot project, a fund would be established to help disabled persons purchase cellular telephones.

If the pilot project is deemed successful, service clubs and other community groups will be encouraged to contribute toward future provision of cellular telephones for disabled drivers. Bell Cellular will provide support for such presentations.

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May 4	Mizrachi, Meyer Gasner Lecture, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m.
May 5	6th annual Student Seminar Day on the Holocaust, sponsored by Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Toronto Jewish Congress and the Department of Educational Administration, taking place at OISE, 252 Bloor St. W., 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m. For information, 635-2883.
May 5	Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, Yom Hashoa Holocaust Memorial Day. Guest speaker, Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, "Old Wounds and New Sorrows - War Criminals in Canada." 55 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m.
May 6	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Lecturer, Sy Langer, Obadiah, Chapter 1. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
May 7—11	21st Plenary Assembly, Canadian Jewish Congress, L'Hotel and the Convention Centre. For information, 635-2883.
May 13	Canadian Zionist Federation, Yom Ha'atzmaut, community concert at 9 p.m. following Hom Hazikoron service. Guest speaker David Broza, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. 9 p.m. For information 665-7935.
May 13	Yom Ha'atzmaut Festival, gala celebration. Beth David, B'nai Israel Beth Am, 66 Yeomans Rd., 8 p.m.
May 20	T'nach Study Group, Toronto Jewish Cultural Council. Lecturer, Martin Lockshin, Jonah, chapters 1, 2, 3, and 4. Associated Hebrew School, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.

Pre-aliya seminar set in Israel for retirees

MONTREAL —
The Israel Aliyah Centre and the North American Aliyah Movement are sponsoring a 2-week pre-aliya seminar in Israel for active and future retirees, May 19 to June 2, the Aliya Centre has announced.

The seminar will address in both pace and content the special concerns, interests and options of the senior citizen. It will cover such topics as volunteer and work opportunities, social security and pension plans, medical insurance, housing and other aspects of life in Israel.

Persons 65 years and older, or persons who will be retired at the time of aliya are eligible for the mission, the centre reports.

The fee for the seminar will be $1,260 U.S., subject to change pending notification from El Al on ticket cost. It includes the following: round-trip airfare via El Al from New York to Tel Aviv, accommodations in 3-star hotels, two meals a day (three on Shabbat), and all land arrangements, the centre states.

Food is strictly kosher and there is no traveling on Shabbat. For more information about the seminar please contact:

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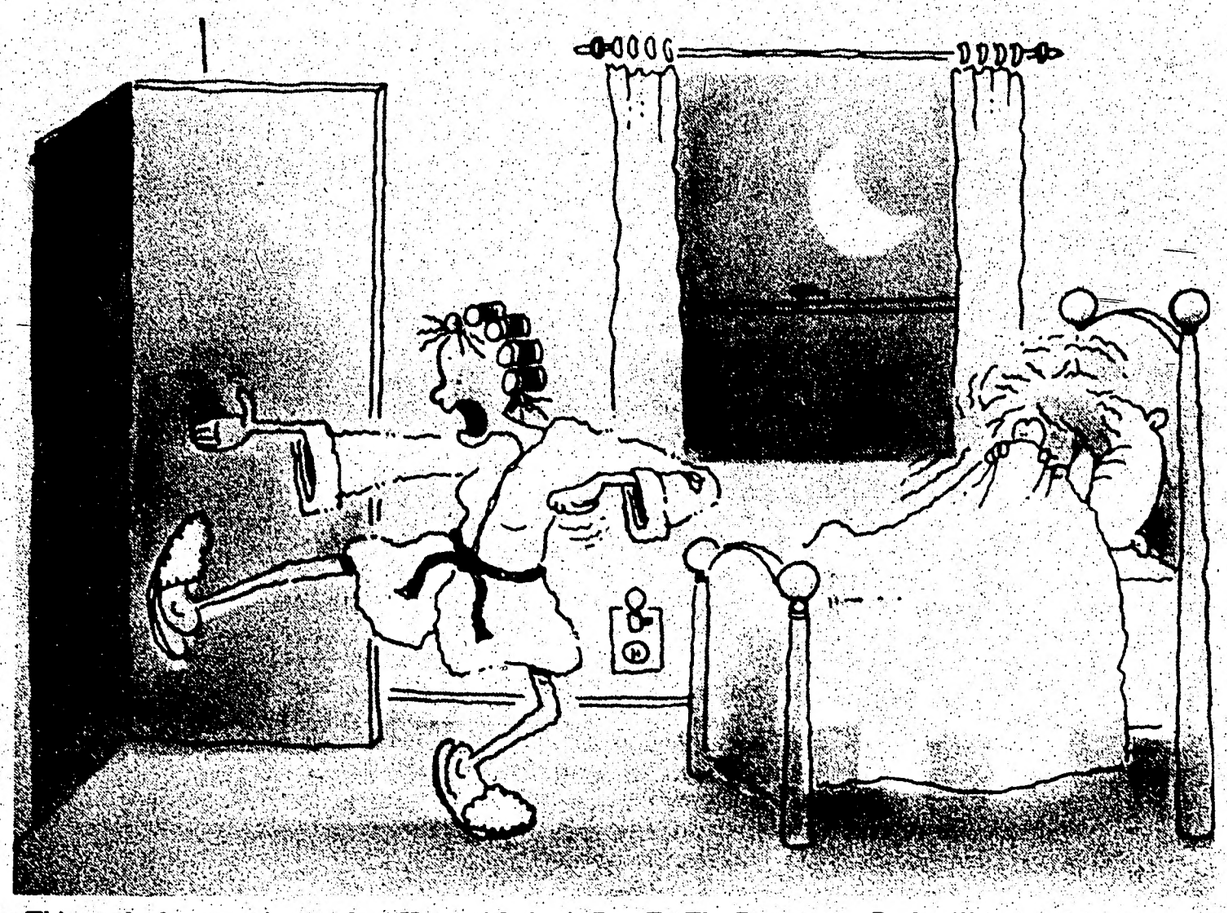

This card whose caption reads, "Happy Mother's Day To The Boogeyman Basher!" is a new humorous departure from sentimental cards ususally given on Mother's Day.

Mother's Day has long past

TORONTO — Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May (May 11 this year) has a long history behind it, researchers at Hallmark Cards report.

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed Mother's Day officially in 1914 after a vigorous campaign led by devoted daughter Anna Jarvis. Jarvis got the idea while mourning for her own mother, and on the second anniversary of her mother's death (the second Sunday in May 1908) told her friends about the idea.

She proceeded to work for greater recognition of the day for the rest of her life.

However, the idea of some form of tribute to mothers did not begin with Jarvis. It is as old as an antiquity and has been carried throughout history in different ways but with the same goal.

Today, the day which celebrates motherhood is marked with giving presents, carnations (the official Mother's Day flower), and, says Rae Thompson of Hallmark Cards, some 13 million Mother's Day cards. It is the fourth-largest card-selling holiday.

Use of heroin discussed

Treating cancer patients

By
NOMI MORRIS

TORONTO — Narcotics such as morphine and heroin should be used more widely in the treatment of cancer pain, a panel of health care professionals agreed in a recent forum on pain and suffering in cancer held at the St. Lawrence Centre.

"Worrying about terminal patients becoming dependent on drugs is preposterous," Howard Seiden, a family physician and columnist for The Toronto Star, said at the event which was co-sponsored by the centre and the Palliative Care Foundation.

According to Dr. Lawrence Librach, chief of palliative care at Toronto Western Hospital, there is an unfounded fear of narcotics that prevents some doctors from increasing dosages to control increasing pain.

"These drugs can be taken orally, they allow patients to remain alert while coping with pain, and they need not be saved until the very end of an illness," said Librach.

Likewise patients are too often made to feel like they should have a high tolerance for pain and are given "Brownie points" for not taking drugs, said Marilyn Deachman, a nurse at Princess Margaret Hospital.

In fact, of the 50% of people with cancer who experience pain, all but 1% can be effectively treated, said Dr. Dorothy Ley, president of the Palliative Care Foundation. (Palliative care is a philosophy of medical and psycho-social treatment which seeks to enhance the quality of life for terminally ill patients, once aggressive therapy has ceased.)

"Patients and their families should demand the best in pain control, and those that are not getting it should contact one of almost 15 palliative care teams functioning at Toronto area hospitals," said Ley, who has cared for more than 2,000 dying people in the last 25 years.

Librach recommended that treatment of pain not be delayed while waiting for test results, lest patients develop extremely negative reactions to the pain they are experiencing.

For some, pain relief may come from combining drugs with other modalities such as relaxation exercises, acupuncture, and hypnosis. Hypno-therapy has about a 10% rate of success when used on its own but is considered to have a high success rate as a relaxation technique used in conjunction with other treatment, said Librach.

The psychological suffering experienced by cancer victims may exacerbate physical pain. "There are many losses to be grieved and many relationships to be rewarded," said Dr. James Wilkes, director of the Shoniker Clinic at Centennial Hospital.

Wilkes cited loss of employment, loss of position in the family, loss of control over one's physical well-being, and loss of life itself as causes for anger and despair. Cancer patients must be helped to redefine their lives in the face of realities thereby giving them a more constructive attitude, he added.

The mere presence of people in the room is healing, don't worry about not having the right words," said Wilkes. He believes there is a tendency for some professionals to abandon the terminally ill out of a sense of failure, and for loved ones to emphasize the disease to the point where the individual is neglected.

Hanging a label of cancer on someone makes him or her a pariah in our society which leads to feelings of isolation, said Librach. The panel stressed that we have a responsibility to continue including the patient in our normal activities.

"We must remember," said Wilkes, "that the dying still have a life to live, people to love, a past to remember and a journey to go through until the moment they die."

Shoppers offers child ID kits

TORONTO — An educational campaign to create awareness of the problem of missing children is being launched across Canada by Shoppers Drug Mart which is making available to the public at no cost specially produced Child Identification Kits.

"The problem of missing children is a serious and growing one," says David Bloom, chairman of Shoppers Drug Mart Ltd. "The purpose of the program is to educate parents on how to streetproof their children, as well as to provide immediate information needed to recover a child should he or she become missing."

The program is being endorsed by law enforcement officials across Canada, as well as provincial solicitors and attorneys-general.

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J.J. Kars designs own line

Shopping for boys' clothes can be fun

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Those mothers who dread dragging their young sons into store after store to outfit them for school or camp will be delighted to discover J.J. Kars, a new store for boys ages 7 to 18.

Complete with the latest music from a juke box in the corner, model car kits and car posters, J.J. Kars on 507 Eglinton Ave W. not only offers boys everything they need in active sportswear, they make it fun for them to shop.

"The most frustrating thing for boys is to have to stand around bored while their mothers search through piles of clothes from different manufacturers to find pieces that match," says store owner David Gold, who opened his own store recently after an 18 year career with Marks & Spencer.

He says that at his store everything is designed by J.J. Kars for J.J. Kars so all the clothes coordinate.

"It's easy to put together several outfits and boys can have fun either changing the music on the juke box, lounging on our couch or looking through the clothes," says Gold.

He says that the Miami Vice look is crinkled 100% cotton is very popular for the summer. "We have pleated pants in white, french blue, beige and banana as well as the Miami Vice jacket or bomber jacket in matching colors," says Gold. He adds that rugby pants in the same fabric are also available.

Gold points to the 100% cotton sweaters in colors including navy, light blue, white or red and says that they can be put together with the Miami Vice pants and jackets to complete the outfit.

"A boy can start with a pair of pants and find several items that go with it."

He notes that boys looking for camp clothes will be thrilled at how simple it is to find tennis shorts and matching tee-shirts or sweat pants and matching shirts. "We even have socks to complete the ensemble," says Gold.

He adds that as well as the matching polyester/cotton blend sweat suits in primary colors such as navy, red and green, J.J. Kars also offers "fun shirts" to go with the pants "in case the boy wants a change."

He shows a white muscle shirt with puff lettering and a picture of a '52 Cadillac. "This type of shirt in tee-shirt or sweatshirt material, long or short sleeve can coordinate with our shorts, sweats or Miami Vice look."

For a slightly dressier look shirts can be coordinated with J.J. Kars polyester/cotton pants in navy or white. Gold notes that he will be carrying dress jackets, shirts and pants for the High Holiday season.

"We are doing everything we can to make shopping a pleasure rather than a fighting match between mother and son," says Gold.

Miami Vice look

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From left, Harley, Josh, Julia, Ken and Lenny sport fashion-conscious clothes from J.J. Kars. (Marie-Josee Crete photo)

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Fashion

Caryl Baker (right) applies makeup to Marla Baker at Cosmetic School while instructor Rose looks on.

Beauty expert designs line

Makeup should match clothes

By SHARI SCHWARTZ

This spring season women should be more conscious of matching their makeup with their clothing, says Caryl Baker, owner of the Caryl Baker Visage Salon, a chain of 26 franchised makeup and cosmetic accessory salons across Canada.

Baker has designed a line of cosmetics which will match and highlight this spring's bright clothing: Azure, True Blue, Fuchsia Fire, Think Pink, Mellow Yellow, Evergreen and The Colour Purple. The line includes blushes, lipsticks and eyeshadows.

"Spring is a popular season because people are sick of being hidden all winter," says Baker. "You can have a lot of fun with your cosmetics and you can match your whole wardrobe with your makeup if you're creative."

Women should keep their skin soft and natural looking for spring, Baker advises. Cheeks should have a natural blush, powder is pale. Eyelids can have two or three colors — shades of evergreens, aqua and blueberry with fuchsia for emphasis. Rouges are gold-flecked, jewel-toned and eye pencils are deep blue or violet.

Women receive free skin analyses and make-up consultations and applications at Visage salons. The salons only carry the specially formulated Visage line of skin care and makeup products. A colors consultation costs $50 and includes a complete skin and color analysis, individual makeover, a wallet of 45 suggested color swatches and an eyeshadow gift.

The company maintains a school at the head office on Eglinton Ave. to train new cosmeticians and skin care specialists. The school has trained more working makeup artists than any other school of its kind in Canada and many graduates open their own Visage salons.

Baker began the Visage line of products in 1969 after becoming dissatisfied with the cosmetics she was selling for other manufacturers. On a trip to New York she sought out and found a chemist she liked. She began selling the Visage line at house parties in Toronto and within five years had 300 sales representatives working for her. Baker began opening the Visage salons soon after.

The Visage operation is very much a family business. Baker's husband, Alan, is vice-president and their two daughters, Reesa and Maria, are actively involved in the organization.

$1-million up for grabs

Agency starts search for beautiful girls

John Casablancas, New York-based president of Elite — the largest and most successful model agency network in the world — is searching for the cover girls of tomorrow.

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No previous modeling experience is necessary and there is no charge. Canadian women, age 14 and over, are invited to enter by mailing two photographs of themselves (one full length, and one headshot) and a description of their age, height, weight, size and coloring to: The Look of The Year Inc., P.O. Box 133, 777 Bay St., Toronto, Ont. M5G 2C8. All entries must be postmarked no later than June 15, 1986.

Between 20-24 Canadian semi-finalists will fly to Toronto, all expenses paid, to participate in The Look of the Year Canadian final in the second week of July.

Judges Casablancas, Bruce Parker of Parker Model Management, Toronto and Flare editor Bonnie Hurowitz will select three Canadian finalists to continue on to the World Final at Forte del Marmi on the Italian Riviera from Aug. 25 - Sep. 5.

Frederique Van De Wal, 17, of Holland was named the grand prize winner of the 1985 Look of the Year, held last year on the tropical island paradise of Mauritius.

Saska Goud, 15 of Vancouver, won $50,000 at the finals. One of the contest's 10 runners-up, she's spent the last year modeling throughout Europe and is now working full-time in New York.

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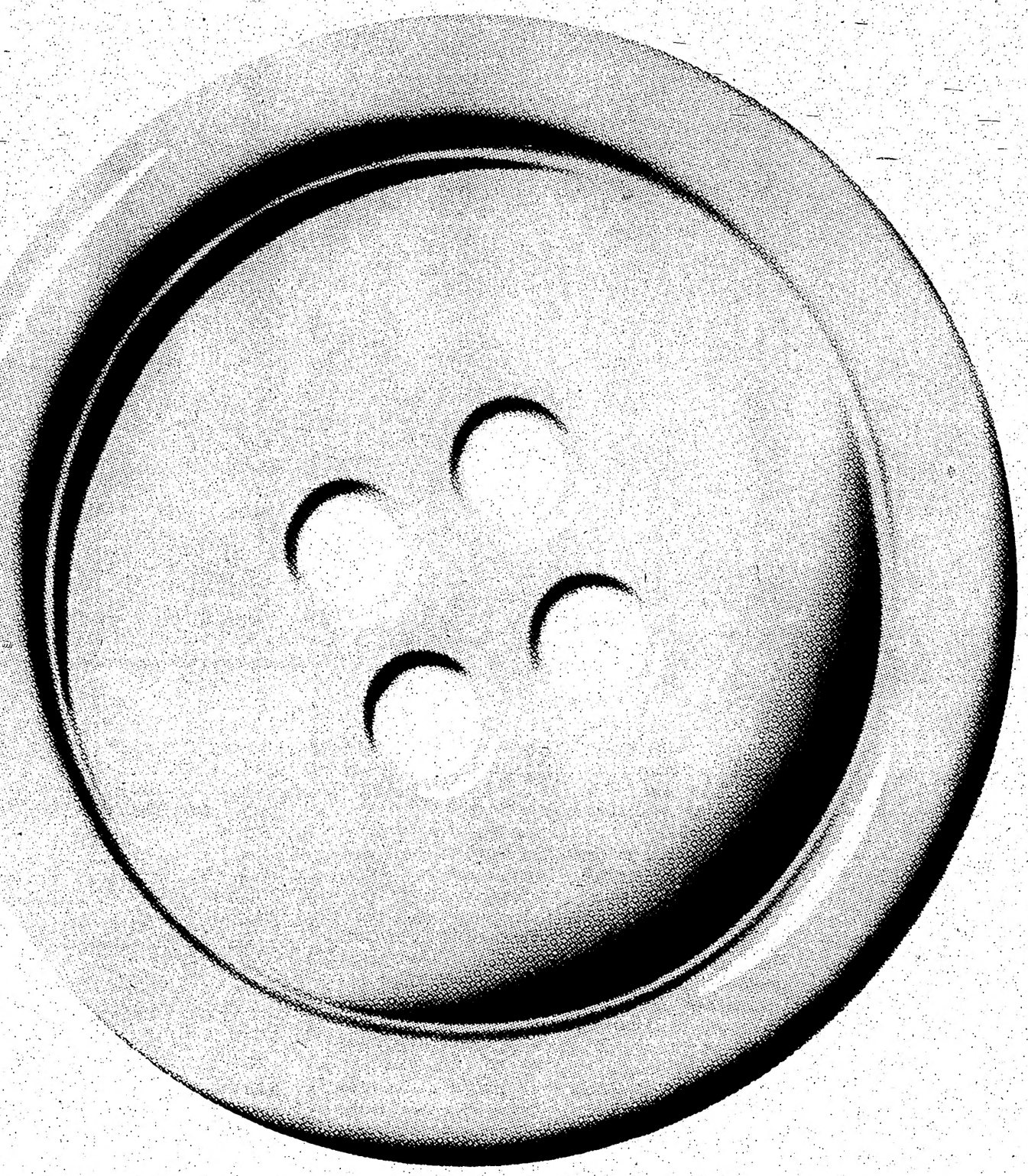

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By RICK KARDONNE

At Shaarei Shomayim

Waxman, Reis to read at Holocaust commemoration

Al Waxman and **Vivian Reis** will be the readers at the Annual Toronto Jewish Congress-sponsored Community Commemoration of the Holocaust at Shaarei Shomayim, 470 Glencairn Ave., on May 4 at 2 p.m.

Harvey Atkin, Allen Farkas, Gloria Valentine and Eda Zimler-Schiff, all members of the Friends of Yiddish, will recite English translations of the original texts will be provided in the program.

Musical arrangements and original compositions by Srul Irving Glick will be performed by a string quartet: violinists Morry Kernerman and Arkady Yanivker, violist Osher Green and cellist David Miller. Cantors Harold Klein of Shaarei Shomayim and Severin Weingort of Temple Sinai will chant traditional hymns and songs of the Holocaust.

The prose, poetry and song produced by the doomed European Jews reflects a tenacious, vivid spirit reflected in the culture of camp and ghetto. Their creativity mirrors the soul of a tortured people determined to take a final stand. Their writings are their legacy.

Admission is free to this commemoration. For further information please call Ruth Resnick at 635-2883.

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Steve Reich's Tehillim (Psalms) album remains, five years after its original recording in West Germany, one of the Diaspora's most significant efforts to create a serious Jewish musical form in this decade. It's on the ECM-Warner label, and has been re-released.

Reich, New York's most well-known middle-generation composer, is the founder of minimalism — repetition of short musical phrases with gradually evolving change. Originally rooted in Balinese folk music and the later styles of American singer James Brown, this repetition style, while often intricately hypnotic, runs the risk of eventually becoming boring.

Reich's Tehillim album partially — but only partially — avoids this pitfall. To his great credit, the composition to the texts of Psalms 18, 19, 34 and 150 is a conscientious incorporation of ancient Hebraic cantillations into an innovative minimalist framework.

Al Waxman

The often beautiful multi-part vocal arrangements are set to a dynamic poly-rhythmic percussion section which includes Tomorrow's Russ Hartenburger. While the slow Psalms 18 is gloomy, the other three initially convey a fresh excitement which contains a fascinatingly modern Yemenite-Jewish feeling.

But editing is badly needed here, for, each phrase, regardless of degree of initial captivation, after the 5th or 6th repetition, wears the listener's patience. Too bad, because if only each musical phrase in Tehillim were repeated to a maximum of three times (preferably less), Reich's music would be ideal for synagogue choirs seeking a new yet positively Jewish sound.

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The best of the original York Winds and Camerata, Toronto's two best small chamber-music ensembles of the 1970s, have now combined to form Sarabband.

Suzanne Shulman on flute and Coenraad Bloemendal on cello formed the nucleus of Camerata, while oboist Lawrence Cherney was a founding member of the York Winds. Together with harpsichordist Douglas Bodle, music choir director of Holy Blossom and St. Andrew's Presbyterian, they form one of Canada's foremost baroque quartets.

Their concert at 3 p.m. May 11 at the Art Gallery of Ontario's Walker Court will feature music by Johann Sebastian Bach and his sons Johann Christian and Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach.

For more information regarding this concert, which is being co-produced by the Royal Conservatory, call 978-3771 or 977-0414.

Hanks, Long provide laughs

Film shows pitfalls of renovating

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

The Money Pit, an amusing romantic comedy starring two young appealing actors, highlights a very contemporary phenomenon.

In this age of skyrocketing real estate prices, young couples just starting out come face to face with a problem that confronts them sooner or later.

The headaches seem endless.

The Money Pit, now playing at the Cineplex Odeon chain, addresses these problems forthrightly and amusingly in a film directed by Richard Benjamin.

Walter Fielding (Tom Hanks) and his girlfriend, Anna Crowley (Shelley Long) have just been evicted from their comfortable New York apartment by Max (Alexander Godunov), her ex-husband.

They'd been living there contentedly, in love, until he came along and claimed the flat.

Walter, a lawyer, and Anna, a musician, are desperate, since New York apartments are extremely scarce and scandalously expensive.

Thanks to a real estate agent friend, Walter finds a fine old rambling home in the country for sale. The price is suspiciously low, but the couple abandon caution to the wind and invest all their borrowed money in the house.

The fun begins after the pair move in and begin to clean up the place.

The buzzer explodes; the door falls in; the staircase caves in; the wiring catches fire; the kitchen appliances go up in smoke; the bathtub crashes through the floor.

Walter and Anna call in tradesmen, who are so imperious and arrogant that you want to wring their necks.

The Money Pit, though somewhat predictable in places, posits the view that people like carpenters and electricians have become so powerful and well-paid that they can afford to thumb their noses at everyone.

But the film, far from mercilessly attacking them, satirizes them instead.

Tom Hanks is a refreshing figure of mirth and levity, while Shelley Long is beguiling. They make a good team, and filmmakers would be wise to use them together again.

Alexander Godunov, the former Russian ballet dancer, is surprisingly good as a self-centred, sex-starved conductor who regrets the dissolution of his marriage with Anna.

The Money Pit mixes the unlikely combination of love and home renovation and succeeds in poking fun at both.

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Arts

Learns three important Yiddish words

Koffler Art Gallery's Mahut stresses multiculturalism

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Jane Mahut says with a grin that her limited Yiddish vocabulary has been enhanced with three important words since she was appointed founding director of the Koffler Art Gallery in 1975.

They are *shnorrer, chutzpah and mtizvah.*

Of the three, she says, the most important word is *shnorrer*, which means, of course, a beggar who wheedles handouts.

"As a cultural administrator, I'm proud to be known as a sophisticated *shnorrer*," says Mahut, a fifth-generation Canadian WASP from a genteel Ottawa family, who is also proud of her *chutzpah.*

"You need lots of both qualities when you go knocking on the doors and begging from government arts granting agencies," she was saying last week in her cubbyhole of an office in the northern branch of the Jewish Community Centre at 4588 Bathurst.

"And you need lots more when you go cap in hand, begging at the door of corporate and private benefactors," she added. "You must persuade them that if they donate funds to your arts program, it's a *mitzvah* that will be a genuine cultural contribution to the community."

Some of the fruits of her labors will be on display May 5 at the opening of the gallery's new exhibition titled *The Spirit Of The Land.*

It consists of 40 of the finest examples of Inuit carvings, wall hangings and works on paper borrowed from prominent North York collections.

You'll be able to see the depiction of traditional hunting and campfire scenes as well as eerie images reflecing the mysterious Inuit world of dreams, animal spirits and witch doctor-like shamans.

The exhibition, which runs until June 6, will also be a major focus of North York Day on May 12.

A part of the Art Week officially proclaimed by Metro Toronto, that's the day when special buses will pick up downtown visitors at specified subway stations and take them on tours — including lunch and art-related film events — to the Koffler Gallery and five other participating art galleries in North York.

For information about guided tours on May 12 and other days during the run of the Inuit exhibition, phone (416) 636-1880, extension 243.

For Mahut, the coordinator of North York Art Day, the hoopla is all part of her evangelical mission to increase the number of 30,000 people who now annualy visit her internationally renowned cultural centre devoted to showcasing three forms of art — fine arts, decorative arts and design.

"I don't believe in 'ghettoizing' art," says Mahut. She is a charming and sometimes peppery dynamo in her 50s, who used to be known as "the mud lady" when she originally headed clay and ceramics classes at the Bloor branch of what was then called the YMHA.

"If we just exhibited so-called Jewish art here, that would be akin to perpetuating a ghetto attitude toward culture," she says.

Jane Mahut

"But we live in the largest multicultural centre in Canada. So I see it as my function to stage exhibitions that embrace the best of international art, whether it be Indian or Greek, the *Raku Clay Art of Japan* or the Judaica of our *Jewish Life Cycle* exhibit two years ago."

She acknowledges that it hasn't always been easy to be so cosmopolitan.

When the Koffler Gallery was initiated, she had to contend with male-dominated committees who were used to running a sports complex.

"Suddenly the men had to switch their thinking from basketball to Bush," she recalls, referring to her exhibition of the abstract paintings of Canadian artist Jack Bush.

"Suddenly they had to deal with 'culture vultures' who seemed to be invading their turf."

She remembers one resentful jock suggesting that the 10,000 square feet of space would be better employed as a swimming pool.

"I felt so frustrated and angry at one meeting that I walked out before I'd hit somebody," she says. "I walked all the way down to the lake shore to cool off — and I still felt cross!"

Happily, she says she now works harmoniously with an ideal board of directors who have a profound appreciation of art.

The board chairman is Murray Koffler, the Shoppers Drug Mart philanthropist, who provided $1 million to found the gallery and also set up a $25,000 endowment fund to help meet expenses of its ongoing operation.

"Murray is a rare art patron," she says. "He doesn't try to play the role of puppet master, doesn't tie strings to his giving. He offers financial and moral support, calls in the professionals, and lets them be free to fly."

Besides Koffler's wife, Marvelle ("my pillar of strength"), the board members include such knowledgeable art-lovers as Harry and Marcia Klamer renowned for their Inuit collection), Dr. Fred Weinberg (a distinguished collector of Judaica), art dealer Walter Moos and Albert White, and lawyer Aaron Milrad, co-author of *Art And The Law.*

Mahut is especially proud of the studio courses the gallery provides for more than 400 students per week. Taught by 16 professional artists, both the young and the elderly find release for their creative aspirations in everything from glass-blowing to sketching nudes.

At least one jock who once spurned Mahut and her culture-vulture interlopers now rejoices in attending still-life classes at Mahut's temple of cosmopolitan art.

Bronson movie has its moments

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

You don't mess with Jack Murphy (Charles Bronson) if you value your life.

Murphy is a tough Los Angeles detective who drinks too much because his wife, a floozie, has left him. But he can still shoot straight, and pity the poor sucker who crosses him.

***Murphy's Law*, now playing at the Eaton Centre, is a straightforward, low-budget film with some good moments of suspense.**

In the old days, you would have called it an acceptable grade-B movie.

The plot turns on a frameup and several mysterious murders which are in fact logically linked. There is no shortage of blood and gore, so if you dislike violence, stay away.

Murphy's Law, which is ably directed by I. Lee Thompson, begins on a high note. Murphy is walking out of a supermarket with a bag of groceries in hand when he realizes that his car is being stolen by a young female punk. He gives chase, and the thief, Arabella McGee (Kathleen Wilhoite), crashes into a restaurant.

Murphy catches her, only to be kicked in the crotch by the foul-mouthed McGee.

She runs off into the night, but you haven't seen the last of her.

Murphy, having been framed for the murder of his estranged wife by a vengeful ex-con, ends up in the same cell as the elusive McGee. The pair, who are handcuffed, escape.

Soon enough, Murphy learns who is tormentor is. By then, the killer, Joan Freeman (Carrie Snodgress), has disposed of a few of the people, including a cop and a judge, who sent her to prison for 10 years.

Bronson moves through Murphy's Law with the grace of a raging bull in an antique store. This is not meant as a disparaging comment. Bronson is effective, and he elicits your sympathy, particularly when he is blasting away at his enemies, a mean lot indeed.

Carrie Snodgress plays the part of a possessed woman with single-minded skill. Gail Morgan Hickman's generally taut script leaves little scope for Kathleen Wilhoite, who is confined to muttering obscenities relating to certain parts of the lower anatomy.

Murphy's Law does not pretend to be anything else but a plain detective story sprouting with themes like revenge and retribution. Looked at on its own terms, it can hardly be criticized.

It's one of those films you'll likely be able to watch on a slow Saturday night on TV a few years from now.

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Will stage The Trial by Franz Kafka

Habimah to appear at Quebec City drama festival

By
SERGE TITTLEY

TORONTO —

Habimah, Israel's famed national theatre company, will be part of Quebec City's ambitious biennial drama festival, the Quinzaine Internationale du Theatre Quebec, May 30 to June 14.

The Israeli company, which has garnered kudos around the world since its founding in 1917, will be staging Franz Kafka's The Trial under the direction of Steven Berkoff.

The Quinzaine's artistic director, Alexandre Hausvater, says this will be the first time Berkoff's work is seen in North America, and only the second time Habimah has performed in Canada, the first time in Quebec.

Hausvater recently told a press conference called by the Quebec government's Toronto office to drum up media attention to the Quinzaine, that Habimah's presentation of The Trial "is sensational."

The choreography-performance will feature 19 actors and will be executed "with a new lexicography of gestures," he said. Habimah will perform the piece at the Octave Cremazie Theatre June 7, 8 and 9 at 9.30 p.m.

The Israeli theatre company will be among 14 troupes invited from countries around the world, including South Africa, Sweden, Italy, Poland, Switzerland, India, The Netherlands, and the United States.

Fourteen Canadian companies will also have works at the Quinzaine, whose first festival in 1984 met with international critical acclaim. Toronto's Canadian Repertory Theatre will stage the experimental piece Lucky Strike by Hrant Alianak while the Theatre Passe-Muraille, also of Toronto, will feature Linda Griffith's Jessica, a drama about a Metis woman.

Other native themes will be explored by Indian Band, a troupe composed of young people entirely drawn from the Montreal Lake Reserve in Saskatchewan. Their play, The Land Called Morning, takes a personal approach to reserve life, being native in a white dominated society.

The sometimes bitter experiences in store for Canada's native people can serve as comparison to the insights gained from Asinamali (We Have No Money), a presentation of Johannesburg's Market Theatre Company. A group of black prisoners recount their life stories in dance and song. Asinamali won the "best play" award in South Africa last year.

Many of the plays and performances to be staged by several European companies will be bold, daring, and innovative in character, says Hausvater. He maintains the Quinzaine must be at the cutting edge of the theatre arts.

Serge Viau, president of the Quinzaine's board of directors, was also on hand to speak about the festival. He said that in it short life the Quinzaine has already "Become known as one of the best festivals in the world.

"It's the only festival in North America that has this scope, breadth and depth," Viau told reporters. The plays, 20 workshops, seven conferences, and two exhibits which comprise the Quinzaine will be housed in 11 different locations throughout Quebec City.

Viau, who is head of planning for the municipality said Quebec City has been designated as a world heritage site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and that it provides a dramatic backdrop for this leading cultural event.

Hausvater added that as far as he's concerned the main purpose of the Quinzaine is to break down barriers between francophone and anglophone Canadians, as well as to provide a showcase for outstanding theatre. "This country can produce the most incredible theatre on this continent; but it's a matter of having these two solitudes come together, so that they can recognize the creative potential within them."

Tickets to Quinzaine events are available as of the end of April and there are special rates for seniors and students, as well as discount opportunities — five performances for the price of four. The Quinzaine now has its own toll free number, 1-800-463-1572.

Violets Are Blue a clunker

Film drags down performers

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

You'd think that any director fortunate enough to corral Sissy Spacek, Kevin Kline and Bnnie Bedelia in one film would have a hit on his hands.

In the constellation of American filmdom, they are among the brightest stars. And the films they've usually appeared in have not been clunkers.

But *Violets Are Blue* is just that. The film, directed by Spacek's husband, Jack Fisk, is like an inert object on the water. Few signs of life can be detected.

Naomi Foner's script, which tells the story of two former lovers reunited ever so fleetingly, is limp and lifeless. And Fisk's direction lacks any elan.

There is not a single moment in Violets which can be described as remotely riveting. Violets, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, is a hollow shell.

The pity of it is that the feature players fight an uphill, futile battle to save it from itself.

Violets could have been a good film. Certainly, the plot seems interesting.

Henry (Kline) and Gussie (Spacek) meet again after an absence of many years. Once they were lovers who planned to get married and live happily ever after. Now Henry is a crusading smalltown newspaper editor and publisher, having inherited the business from his father. Gussie, back home for a brief holiday to see her parents, is an internationally acclaimed photographer whose work appears in Time.

Ruth (Bedalia), Henry's wife, suspects that their reunion may cause her heartache. But, being loyal and dutiful, she agrees to have Gussie over for dinner. It's a mistake.

Henry and Gussie become romantically involved, and Henry comes within a whisker of giving it all up and eloping with Gussie.

Regretably enough, the dead weight of Violets has an adverse effect on the performers. Kline, one of the finest actors on the American stage, goes through the motions in his depiction of a man torn between two women. Spacek, who has never looked more radiantly beautiful, is slightly better.

Only Bedelia comes through with a first-rate performance. Unfortunately, the script leaves her very little room to show off her talents.

Violets Are Blue proves the oft-repeated point that not even the best actor can save a mediocre film.

Violets, which also celebrates man's love affair with the sea, sinks before it can swim to safety.

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Arts

Authors read excerpts from works at literary evening

Jewish writers praised for role in cultural survival

By
VIVIEN SHARON

TORONTO — Local Jewish writers were praised for their role in helping Jewish cultural identity survive and grow at a recent Jewish literary evening held in conjunction with National Book Week held at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

"We have every reason to feel proud of our local literary talent as it continues to perpetuate our Jewish cultural identity and to develop our literary appreciation, said Irving Hoffman, president of Medina Stage Company.

"It is essential to develop literary awareness by encouraging people to read good books and plays," said Hoffman, whose new North York theatre company seeks to promote plays that reflect Jewish life and experience.

Three Canadian authors and playwrights, Carol Libman, Helen Weinzweig and Leo Orenstein, read from their works at the evening which was co-sponsored by Medina and Shaarei Shomayim.

Libman, one of the founding members of Playwrights' Workshop in Montreal, is the author of Follow the Leader and Jigsaw, two 1-act plays seen this season in Toronto. Her full-length play, Winterson, first produced in Montreal, was a finalist in the Clifford E. Lee Awards and 3rd prize winner in the Multicultural Theatre Association National Playwriting competition.

Libman read an excerpt from her play, Holiday From the Dark, with her husband, local actor Syd Libman. Her second reading was a monologue that exhibited a keen writing style, and an ability to combine humor with serious introspection.

Helen Weinzweig has had a number of short stories published, one of which, The Homecoming, received 3rd prize in the 1979 CBC Literary Competition. She is best known for her two novels, Passing Ceremony, and Basic Black with Pearls. The latter won the City of Toronto Book Award in 1981.

Her first play, My Mother's Luck, adapted from a short story and developed at Playwrights' Workshop in Montreal, hs been produced in that city, Toronto and Ottawa. During her tenure as playwright-in-residence at Tarragon Theatre, she completed a play entitled A Classical Education, which was produced in March by Nightwood Theatre in Toronto.

Weinzweig's reading from A Classical Education, set in 1932, evoked pathos as Esther, a young teenager, is left confused and bewildered by her parents growing estrangement and divorce.

Weinzweig's play examines intermarriage and Jewish life in Eastern Europe which is both thought-provoking and provocative.

Leo Orenstein is a writer for stage, television, film and radio, as well as a novelist, and has achieved an international reputation as a stage and television director.

Helen Weinzweig

Leo Orenstein

Carol Libman

For 15 years Orenstein was associated with the CBC, where he directed several teleplays for the prestigious Festival series, and others, including G.M. Presents, Quest, First Performance, The King of Kensington and Starlost.

He read an excerpt from his new comedy, Salesmen Don't Ride Bicycles, which will be produced at Toronto's Crest Theatre.

The play, which is based on Orenstein's relationship with his aging father, asks the age-old question: "Can you reverse the aging process?" — a theme he explores with insight and humor.

Hartman work about Judaism brilliant, original

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By
BERNARD BASKIN

A Living Covenant: The Innovative Spirit in Traditional Judaism. By David Hartman, Collier Macmillan, $33.75.

Traditional Judaism is not monolithic — solid, massive and uniform. On the contrary, it is broad enough to include the "ultra-Orthodox," the "modern-Orthodox," a variety of chassidic groups with disparate emphasis, and adherents around the world who engage in a wide spectrum of belief and practice.

The halacha (Jewish law) may provide a divinely bestowed standard for behavior, but it is capable of being understood and interpreted in many ways. All of rabbinic literature, including the Talmud and Responsa, attempts to fashion a faith that is flexible and malleable enough to meet the many-sided challenges of every age.

Rabbi David Hartman is founder and director of the Institute for Advanced Jewish Studies in Jerusalem. His background and experience as a student and teacher in North America and Israel have convinced him that "there are many things in this world whose legitimacy and significance have to be acknowledged by halachic Jews even if the tradition has nothing explicit to say about them." Such "things" include a positive response to the religious pluralism of North America, the intellectual and spiritual integrity of non-Jewish thinkers and theologians, the validity of secular humanism for some persons, and the shaping of political independence in Israel as an indication of how Judaism is to develop in the modern world.

Obviously, the author is a special kind of person and A Living Covenant is a special kind of book — brilliant, original, insightful. It is at one and the same time faithful to the tradition and open to the needs and problems of modernity. Courageously, he asserts, "Belief in the giving of the Torah at Sinai does not necessarily imply that the full truth has already been given and that our task is only to unfold what was already present in the fullness of the founding moment of revelation. Sinai gave the community a direction, an arrow pointing toward a future filled with many surprises. Halacha, which literally means walking, is like a road that has not been fully paved and completed. The Sinai moment of revelation . . . invites one and all to acquire the competence to explore the terrain and extend the road. It does not require passive obedience and submission to the wisdom of the past."

Above all else, Hartman proposes a covenant in which the Jewish people is bound to God by ties of love and necessity and, at the same time, autonomous and self-sufficient. Through the ever-changing halachic process the Jew assumes responsibility for constantly renewing the Covenant and making it work. Indeed this is what God wants.

This seminal work offers new approaches to such questions as the place of suffering in a God-made world, the efficacy of prayer and the dangers of Messianism.

Portions of the book, especially when the author takes exception to the views of eminent contemporaries, are pretty tough for the reader without sufficient theological background. But for the serious reader it is rewarding work that repays close attention. It says something vital about Judaism's genius for renewal and how an ancient faith can best face the insistent needs of today and tomorrow.

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"Turning on" in the drug-and-orgy scene

I Love My Wife musical comedy seems quaintly dated

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Imagine two married couples under a bed sheet on centre stage struggling to follow the instructions in a sex manual for a group orgy.

It sounds daringly risque, right?

Wrong. It's the climax of *I Love My Wife*, the musical comedy that opened recently at the Sheraton Centre's Pinnacle Lounge Dinner Theatre, and it's about as tame as two pairs of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides trying to play house.

Nevertheless, it's a hilarious show-stopper, worth the price of admission alone.

Regrettably, it's one of the too-few scenes in the show that's titillating and laugh-provoking.

This Tony Award-winning musical farce was considered terribly daring when it opened on Broadway in 1977.

The sassy tunes were composed by Cy Coleman (who did the music for *Sweet Charity*) and the book written by Michael Stewart (who did likewise for *Hello, Dolly*). And the road show had a popular run when it played at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, co-starring the Smothers Brothers.

The music is still bouncy. But, alas, the script — about two old-fashioned couples who try to get with-it and "turn on" like other "today people" in the drug-and-orgy contemporary scene — seems almost quaintly dated.

That very phrase, "turn on," as used in the title of the song *Everybody Today Is Turnin' On*, sounds antiquated, like reading a 1970s copy of Cosmopolitan Magazine — which, in fact, the characters in this show do.

Happily, Adolf Toman, artistic director for the Limelight Dinner Theatre, has been astute in assembling a gifted cast of musical comedy zanies. Especially in the second act, they manage to transcend the creaky script and make the spouse-swappers seem amusing, if not believable.

Particularly funny are the two wife-swappers in a high-kick song-and-dance (nicely choreographed by Brian Foley) which is a kind of ode celebrating the effects of smoking hash.

Gerry Salsberg, who was a 1-man laugh riot as the sadistic dentist in *Little Shop Of Horrors* at the Crest Theatre last season, is very funny as the husband trying to mask his disdain for his wife's gift to him of a pair of ugly scarlett shoes.

Equal to him in shtik tomfoolery is Richard Liss, who looks like a Woody Allen with more hair, and does an uproarious bit of stage business when removing his tie and socks and rolling them up fastidiously before leaping into the communal bed.

Those experienced singing comediennes, Sharon Lewis and Melodee Finlay, stir up fun as the very proper and vapid wives who vainly strive to become hoydenish hussies, even when one of their husbands scorns them with the derisive putdown: "You look like Tinker Bell in heat!"

Altogether, it's an amiable and curiously non-sexy bedroom romp, punctuated with sufficient belly laughs to deserve your attention.

Hilarious as sexless spouse-swappers are Gerry Salsberg (left), Sharon Lewis, Richard Liss and Melodee Finlay in the boudoir musical farce, I Love My Wife, at Pinnacle Lounge Dinner Theatre.

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Travel

Open Eye at Hebrew University

Innovative museum displays science phenomena

By
SUSAN FRAIMAN

JERUSALEM —

"How is it possible to walk on water?" "Does air weigh anything?" Metaphysical issues? Perhaps, but if seeing is believing, these questions are being answered at an innovative new science museum in Jersualem, the Open Eye.

The museum, also known as the Jersusalem Science Centre, is based on the model of the Exploratorium in San Francisco and first opened its doors in 1981. Since then, some 40,000 visitors have learned about and even experienced some of the phenomena of science in a setting designed to stimulate both children and adults alike.

"These are not exhibits, not experiments, these are things to do," says Prof. Peter Hillman, director of the museum which is temporarily located on the Hebrew University's Givat Ram campus.

Hillman, who divides his time between the museum and the departments of biophysics and neurobiology at Hebrew University, has been interested for a long time in "talking science to non-scientists."

Science is part of modern culture in a really profound way, he says. "We want to break the barrier among those who say they can't or won't understand science. To the extent that we help people break this barrier, we are preparing them for the technological age. After all, the future of Israel is in technology."

Part and parcel of the museum's philosophy is a desire to reach out to as many as possible. All "exhibits" are labeled with instructions in Hebrew, Arabic and English. To entice young students who are not yet involved with science, the Open Eye offers after-school study clubs with topics as varied as "why ice floats on water," "why mercury rises in a thermometer" and "wheels, wind and windmills."

These clubs were so popular that there were three times as many applicants as places. But reaching out is not enough; the Open Eye wants people to return and question further. Thus, each ticket entitles the bearer to two visits.

What do museum participants say? "It's great. The exhibits proved to me what we learned in class about light," said Shoshana Cohen, an 8th grader from the Bet Ya'acov school in the Sanhedria neighborhood of Jerusalem. Shoshana's teacher, Rachel Frishman, who's been bringing her classes to the museum for three years, says the Open Eye is a valuable resource.

"The first time the students come, their curiosity, their desire to learn is awakened. By the second time, they're more interested in understanding the specific principles behind the exhibits."

Indeed, while Rachel spoke, her students were flitting excitedly from one exhibit to the next, calling each other to see displays of the properties of bubbles, static electricity, or light.

The museum doesn't rely solely on the strength of its exhibit to arouse curiosity. Enthusiastic guides circulate among the visitors, prompting them with questions and helping them understand what they're seeing or experiencing.

The Open Eye hosts special exhibits during school holidays. During the summer of 85, the museum sponsored 1-day seminars for parents and children on each of the five senses: Light and Sight; Sounds and Noises; Speech and Hearing; "Touch and Pain; Taste and Smell. Each seminar included an activity for parents and children together as well as a lecture for the parents alone.

Last Chanukah's timely theme was Rotation, a scientific examination of just what makes dreidles spin. This year's appropriate sequel is Fire and Light, and will include, among other things, a laser demonstration.

The museum has been granted a sizeable tract of land for a permanent location on the Givat Ram campus.

Precious Legacy displays treasures in Montreal

MONTREAL —

If you missed The Precious Legacy exhibit when it was in Toronto or if you want another look at it, you can see it at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts in Montreal until May 25.

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Business Outlook

Student sells musical cards

Entrepreneur has flying start

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —
At 21, Michael Worb has already had experience as a market research assistant, credit officer in a bank, market representative scouting locations for a Mississauga company's video machines throughout Western Canada and promoting tuxedos. He has also formed his own importing company.

Yet the University of Manitoba faculty of administrative studies student maintains he wasn't even interested in business until he started university. "My ability in mathematics steered me into commerce," he said.

Worb took to a business like a kid to ice cream. He formed Canadian Products Group three years ago after seeing a wholesaler's ad for musical greeting cards in a magazine.

"I was looking for income opportunities," he said. "It was a trashy magazine, but there was a list of wholesalers and manufacturers at the back. I saw a market for mid-priced musical cards and looked up the New York company listed."

Start proved very tough

It was tough sledding at first with a lot of rejections. "In the past, musical cards had had a high defective rate," said Worb. "I also learned that you can't make a lot of sales over the phone."

Initially, florists and gift shops would take only five or six cards to see how well they would sell. "I showed that I was prepared to work with them and provide good service," he said. "Now I have 50-60 customers in Winnipeg and the surrounding area and am selling 3,000-3,500 cards a month and 8,000 at Chrtistmas."

Since the summer, Worb has even employed a full-time salesman.

Worb's entrepreneurial accomplishments have not gone unrecognized. Last fall, the University of Manitoba faculty of commerce awarded him its annual entrepreneur award, given to the student who creates the most successful business.

He is currently active in trying to organize a chapter of the Association of Collegiate Enterprises (ACE) at the University of Manitoba to lobby the university to organize an entrepreneurial program similar to those on other campuses across the country.

Michael Worb

Worb is not one to let his success go to his head. On graduation in the spring, he is planning to seek employment in business to learn more about marketing before going out strictly on his own.

"Sales (of the musical cards) in Winnipeg are already leveling off," he reported. "I'm going to try to expand into Eastern Canada as fast as I can."

He is also looking at the prospect of introducing talking cards being produced by his Hong Kong manufacturer soon to complement his present line of products which also include toys and puppets.

Life insurance firm sets new record highs

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Chairman Andre Charron said that Industrial Life outperformed the industry by reporting a 16.7% increase in accumulated surplus to $180.7 million.

While the Canadian economy performed well in 1985, consumer confidence in the financial services industry was somewhat shaken by two unfavorable events, but this did not affect Industrial Life, Charron said.

The economy posted real growth of about 4.5% for the year, corporate profits gained 20%, while long-term interest rates dipped 125 basis points to about 10%. Equity markets gained about 21% on the year.

The economy should grow at an acceptable rate in 1986, though perhaps not so strongly as in 1985, but the diversified economies of Quebec and Ontario, where the company does most of its business, should not be seriously affected by falling oil prices, Charron added.

Toronto plans business show

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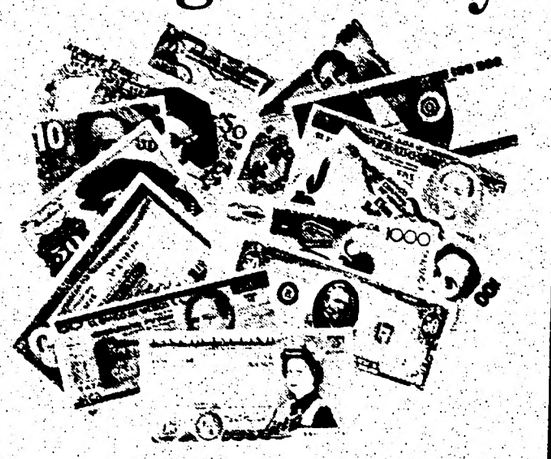

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Manitoba town councilor unseated

By
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One of Manitoba's longest serving municipal politicians was unseated recently from Winnipeg Beach's town council, just three months before his current term was due to end. Lou Diner, 71, had been a town councilor for 23 years in this popular resort community, 60 miles north of Winnipeg on the shore of Lake Winnipeg.

Council, however, was forced to act as a result of an ultimatum given it by a local ratepayer to remove the ailing Diner and a second member of the 6-person council as dictated by Sec. 66 of the Manitoba Municipal Act which states that councilors who miss three consecutive council meetings must lose their seats.

The complainant, a man named Bruce Sielski who is chairman of the Winnipeg Beach and Area Recreation Commission, threatened to file an electoral petition to remove the two councilors if the council had not taken action.

"Councilors have frequently missed a number of meetings with council's permission," he is quoted as saying. "It bothers me that councilors seem to take their jobs so lightly. It gives the town a bad name."

According to Mayor Jim Tomko, Diner had received a 4-month leave of absence last year while vacationing in Florida. Since December, he has been in and out of hospoital with back and other problems.

Although the Winnipeg realtor and former merchant was not at the meeting at which he was unseated, he sent council a letter asking to be allowed to finish his term. "I informed you earlier that I was waiting for surgery and asked at that time for sick leave without stipend," he wrote.

"At present, I am recuperating from surgery and to expect sick leave at this time is surely not much to ask in considering my long years of service to the community."

The other unseated councilor, a multiple sclerosis victim named Bob Poole, praised him at the meeting and is reported to have said that "to even consider throwing him (Diner) out after his many years of service is inconceivable."

Although Winnipeg Beach now has only two Jewish families in year-round residence, hundreds of Jewish property owners have traditionally spent the summers at their beach cottages. Everyone contacted generally spoke well of Diner.

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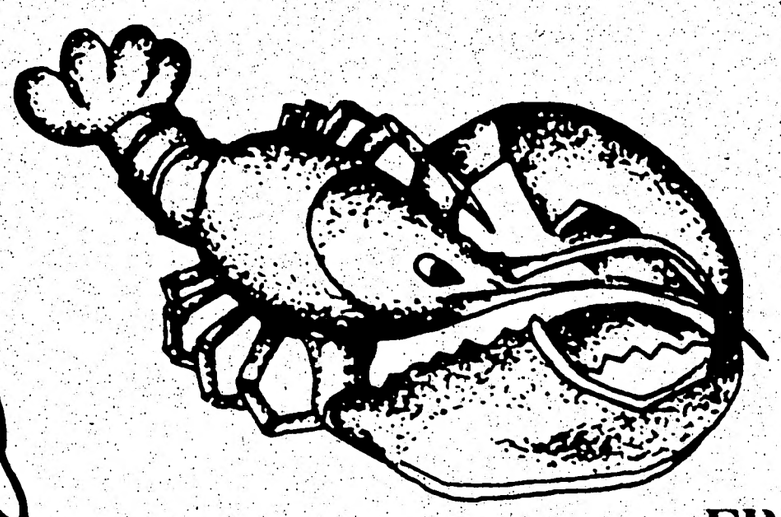

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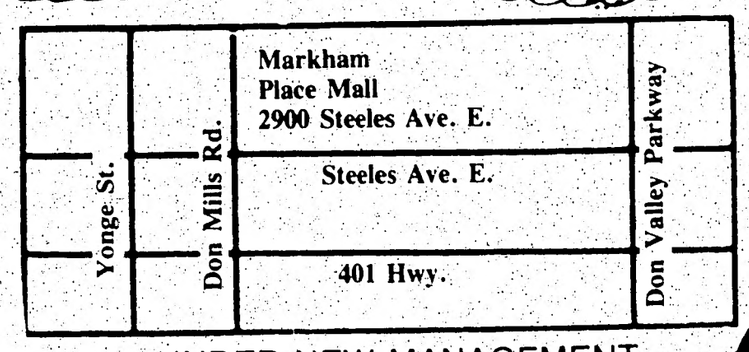

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The Congress Plenary — The Key Issues

An Interview with Milton Harris

Q. *The purpose of this interview is to discuss the key issues to be debated at the forthcoming Congress Plenary. In your views, what are these key issues?*

A. Well, obviously, the key issue is where is the Canadian Jewish community going in the next few years . . .

I believe the Jewish community is facing a type of challenge which is completely different from the challenge that was faced by my generation and all the generations that came before me in this country. Our children and their children will grow up in a free and open society, which is somewhat different from the society I grew up in. The options that they will have in their lives will not be circumscribed in any way by the fact that they are Jewish, and they will have the option to identify as Jews or not identify as Jews, and that is a major challenge to all of our Jewish community, and in particular to the major communal organization — the Canadian Jewish Congress.

What we have to develop in all the communities of the Diaspora — but we are talking about the Canadian community—is a *raison d'être* for a Jewish identity. We have never really had that problem in past generations. We were beset by hostility from outside, generally from the environment we lived in; our opportunities were restricted by the fact that we were Jewish and our children's are not. And that is a simple fact.

Now, what concerns me considerably about the Congress agenda, the agenda that we have always focussed on, is that to some extent, it is an agenda that has stood still. It has not moved, but our community has, and we are in danger of becoming more and more irrelevant to the real concerns of our Jewish constituency. The major focus that we still have in Congress — and if you take a look at the way we allocate our funds, you will see very clearly what that is — it still is in the area of community relations, battling anti-Semitism (which was one of the major reasons, of course, why the Canadian Jewish Congress was set up, and it is still a major focus. I am not here to say that anti-Semitism has disappeared. We know that there have been during this administration two major cases that all of our community, but particularly the communal organizations were focused on — the Zundel and Keegstra cases. And, of course, once again, it brought the thrust of Congress's human and financial resources to bear in a particular direction.

I believe that the major direction that we have to go in, in future, is to find a *modus vivendi* for a viable Canadian Jewish national life in a free and open society, and that means that our prime focus has to zero in on the reasons for maintaining a Jewish identity. In the past, the reasons were either religious and/or outside pressure, outside hostility. But we are living in a different environment, and I happen to believe that the difference between me and my parents and grandparents is less than the difference between me and my children's generation, and for that very reason this question is now crucial.

Q. *Could you specify?*

A. Yes. It was well accepted when I grew up that I would always be Jewish, that I would raise my children Jewish and that I would be educated in a Jewish way. But it is not so universally accepted in the next generation. So we have got to find ways of developing a new ethos. Whereas in the past our Jewish tradition has tended towards particularism, in a free and open society particularism is not going to be the answer to the survival of our people in the Diaspora. We have to express the universal nature of our Judaism, and that means a much more active involvement and participation in the human rights issues in the society in which we live.

For several years now, we have in fact been involved in all kinds of issues which are not particularly Jewish. But those issues have been primarily at the periphery of the Congress agenda. Now I know I will get a lot of controversy about that within the leadership of Congress. But examine our budgets and the way we allocate funds; to me, that is the way you determine the real priorities of any organization: the way you spend your money. Anybody can get up on a platform and spew forth rhetoric. But it is how you allocate your funds and how you allocate your human resources, (which means staff people and active committees) that counts. If you examine that, you will find that a very small portion of our real effort has been in universal areas in our community. And I think to that extent, we are growing away from our constituency. When I talk about our constituency, I am talking about the constituency which is represented by the next generation of Jews, the generation younger than I am. And I think it is that generation which we either must attract or we will no longer have a viable Jewish community in this country. Now I know that every generation has heard that 'Cassandra' song. Every generation has heard the previous gen-

eration say that the next generation is lost, they will never remain Jews. Intermarriage has been a factor for hundreds of years, ever since the Enlightenment. But we are facing a completely different question now and a different problem: the necessity to develop a reason for a Jewish identity.

Now I know that those who are being brought up as strictly religious in our community are not going to have that problem — as they have not had it in the past — but I believe that they are a minority in our community and that we cannot write off all of the rest. Consequently, this is the area that I believe in the future we have got to focus our resources on.

Q. *What about the work of the Law and Social Action Committee?*

A. The whole question of Law and Social action has been one of the frustrations of my administration. We do have a Law and Social Action Committee, and we have considerably increased its program. But considerably means probably a 60% increase in its program budget. We are talking about a program budget that started off with six or seven thousand dollars, and it is not very hard to increase that by sixty or seventy percent, which is what we did. But we have not found a consensus among my officers to assign a full-time staff person to this kind of activity. We have been very active in that area, we have made all sorts of presentations to government, we have developed very large position papers, which were approved by the officers and presented to government, and they were almost exclusively done by volunteers. You can only go so far using the resources and energy of volunteers. You need specific allocation of funds which get you staff, larger program funds and allow you to bring in this activity across the country. And that is another thing we have been unable to do in Law and Social Action. So that, to me is the major problem we are facing in the Canadian Jewish Congress in the next number of years.

Q. *Could you be more specific about what you said regarding keeping youth in the fold? Are you saying that when it comes to our young people who are not religious, you will keep them in the fold by involving them in Social Action?*

A. I think that is one of the areas where we can make Congress more relevant to our constituency. Now there are other organizations in the community — B'nai Brith as you know does a very good job. But they are very strongly oriented in the area of battling anti-Semitism, and in the League for Human Rights.

Q. *But that is not Social Action as I think you are discussing it?*

A. That's correct. That is not Social Action in the way I would like to see Canadian Jewish Congress develop. I think that is where we have to develop a very unique position in the Canadian Jewish community. We are in danger, as I said before, of outgrowing our constituency, and when you come to Congress meetings, you very often see that.

Q. *Perhaps you mean that the constituency is outgrowing us, which is even more dangerous.*

A. Well, when I say outgrowing, I mean we are aging. The leadership of the organization is aging at a much faster rate than is the constituency, and that is probably the problem. The concerns are the concerns that they were in my generation and my parents' generation. They are not the concerns of my children's generation primarily.

Q. *It seems that you are agreeing with a statement which Rabbi Plaut made in the Canadian Jewish News of March 6, in which he says, "One of the pressing issues with which Canadian Jews will have to deal is their increasing insularity. The forthcoming triennial convention of Congress will face this matter to some extent, though not as boldly as I would like." Does this tie in with what you are saying?*

A. I would agree with that completely. We have always been an insular community because we have, in effect, considered ourselves to be on the defensive. What we have not understood is that society in the Western World, which of course includes Canada, has changed very

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Editor's Notebook

Milton Harris, President of Canadian Jewish Congress is featured in a wide-ranging interview, which probes his views on the major issues confronting Congress on the eve of its Triennial Plenary Session. He expresses his opinions in a forthright and articulate fashion. Milton Harris never deals in platitudes. His unusually broad experience in organizational and political life in Canada has left him with firm convictions which he delineates eloquently and forcefully, without regard to whether or not they conform to current popular opinion. His only concern is the welfare and growth of the Canadian Jewish community.

On the occasion of the commencement of our tenth year under Congress sponsorship, André Elbaz looks back on twenty-one years of *Viewpoints'* performance as a national forum for Canadian Jewish thought. Despite ongoing financial problems, it is a record of remarkable achievement, due entirely to the unflagging support of a very small number of dedicated individuals. He spells out the various ways which *Viewpoints* has, in its own way, contributed to the unity and vitality of Canadian Jewry.

Nadja Zajdman offers a short story based on a true event that would strain credulity in a sane and orderly world, but tragically was not unique in the nightmare world of the Holocaust. It concerns two survivors of the Holocaust, each of whom believed that the other had perished. The restraint with which she recounts their unexpected reunion makes an indelible emotional impact on the reader.

Mordechai Nisan reflects on the effect on Israeli society of the arrival of Anatoly Shcharansky, and the effect that this thrilling event is likely to have on Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora.

Monty Robins raises a question that has troubled many people and represents an ongoing dilemma: the necessity for massive and continual fund-raising to support community projects and Israel. His concern is that some Jews, particularly young Jewish adults, are often repelled by what they deem to be crass methods used for this necessary activity. He emphasizes that the opinions expressed are his own and do not represent the views of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

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substantially in the last twenty-five years, and it is very difficult for my generation to come to terms with this truth.There are still victims in Canadian society; there is still racism in Canadian society; and there are racist victims in Canada. But by and large, Jews are no longer the victims in our society. Yet we still think of ourselves generally as victims. That perception always brings complete astonishment to any of our non-Jewish friends, because it is very difficult in any specific way to show how Jews as Jews today are still victims in society. You could show it about people whose skins happen to be brown, yellow, or black, but you cannot show it about the Jews. And I think that if we are going to express our Jewish tradition, we have to be there fighting for those who are real victims in our society today, using the Jewish liberal tradition. Hillel said long ago: "Do not unto others as you would not have them do unto you"; to me, this is the basis of our tradition and our experience. We are the most experienced persecutees in society, and I think we have to bring those two elements — our tradition and our experience — to bear in order to wipe away racism and persecution, which we still have in our society. I think we have a major role to play in Canadian society in that area.

Q. *Just to further clarify your thinking; as I am sure you are very much aware, there are many Jews who consider that marching on behalf of Jewish causes is Social Action and refuse to get involved in any non-Jewish causes because, as Rabbi Plaut said in his article, they consider that is not their affair. I assume that when you are talking about Social Action, you do not mean Social Action for Jews, but Social Action by Jews on behalf of society in general.*

A. That is correct. Some of the issues may appear to be Jewish issues. The question of human rights in the Soviet Union has a great deal to do with the position of the Soviet Jewish community. So we certainly want to march on behalf of those issues, and those are human rights issues, but I am talking about all the issues which may be involved here. The question of what happened to the Canadians of Japanese descent during the War: that to me is a Jewish issue, if I say that every issue between man and man is a Jewish issue, if our Jewish tradition means anything. All of these issues, to me, are issues which Jews have to be involved in.

Q. *Would you feel, for example, that Congress should take a position on South African sanctions which Bishop Tutu has now called for, or should they take a position on the cruise missile and Canada's participation, or on nuclear disarmament? Are those the kinds of issues you think that Jews should be involved in, and is Congress the body that should express the positions publicly, as the Catholic bishops are doing on behalf of the Catholic church?*

A. Well, there is a very fine line of course, between what is a moral issue and what is strictly a political issue. Obviously, nuclear war is an issue that affects us all. Is that issue an issue of politics, where Jews should exercise their political responsibilities in the society that we live in and participate in? I believe they should. I am not so sure whether the Canadian Jewish Congress should. I am not too sure about all the implications of South African sanctions. It is most likely a moral issue that Congress should deal with.

There is one issue that is very clear Congress should be dealing with, because it clearly affects the moral quality and fabric of our society. And that is the question of the death penalty and capital punishment. There is not any doubt in my mind that this is a moral issue. It is not a political issue per se. It has been dealt with in this country, as a free vote in the House of Commons and it will undoubtedly be dealt with again. As the Prime Minister is saying, it will be dealt with in the life of this parliament. There isn't any doubt in my mind that this is an issue that Canadian Jewish Congress must deal with. It is not an issue where we will get unanimity. It may not be an issue where you will get a very large majority one way or the other. But I think it is a moral issue, where the leadership of the community have to lead their constituents along. That is a function of political leadership. I hate to put it this way but very often politicians first of all determine which way the mob is surging and then rush out to lead it. I think it is absolutely imperative that leadership of community organizations signify the proper way for that community to go. Capital punishment, to me, is one issue where they must accept this responsibility.

Q. *Before continuing, I think it is worthwhile commenting that it says something about the leadership of Congress to find that Rabbi Plaut, a rabbi, and yourself, a layman, are both voicing the same kind of leadership in a very forthright and open manner. I think that says something about the job that the leaders of our Congress have been doing and that you are doing right now.*

A. Let me interrupt you right there, because I would not exaggerate that. Gunther Plaut is a past president, and I will very shortly be a past president. It has been much easier to voice these concerns (as I have around the country, because I have been around the country — I am the first president who has been all around the country to Jewish communities) than to bring our officers, or our executive along with us. I will not comment on past presidents, but so far I have not been successful in doing that.

Q. *Just to continue, to ask a more pointed question, do you feel that Congress should also express an opinion on the question of abortion in Canada?*

A. That is a very difficult question. Of course, that is the best politician's answer! My own personal opinion is, yes. It will be very difficult at this stage of Congress's life to get our constituency to go along. I feel that we should be voicing an opinion on abortion, it is very clearly a moral issue in society.

Q. *Don't you think, however, that in this domain, because it is a religious problem, our rabbis should be consulted?*

A. Yes, it is also a religious problem, but there are religious difficulties to the problem as well. I think we should have the input of the rabbis, their point of view, but I don't think theirs should be the final word. I think the leadership itself should take that input as well as other inputs. There is the question of the improving perception of the female in our society, which has to play a part in a resolution of this issue. And I have to say that in the past, our rabbis, and I use that word collectively, have not been outstanding in the pursuance of female rights.

Q. *Your mentioning of the role of rabbis and laymen brings to mind another very difficult controversy, which I am sure you are aware is agitating our whole north American community, and that is the growing split between the Orthodox, Conservative and Reform Jews, resulting from rabbinical ordination of women by the Conservative movement and patrilineal descent by the Reform. There are all kinds of prophets of doom who are saying that Judaism will be split into different religions by the year 2000. Do you see Congress as having a role in trying to resolve this terribly difficult problem in Canada?*

A. I would see Congress as having a role, but I don't have to tell you or any of your readers how difficult a problem this is. It is not just going to be a question of getting the opposing sides together to sit around a table and to express their concerns, their beliefs and their feelings and so on, because their concerns, their beliefs and their feelings are going to be considerably adversarial to each other, and that is where our problem is. I don't know whether there is a resolution to this. I must tell you that I don't regard myself as an expert on it. I can't even make a forecast of what will happen in future. It's a very difficult situation.

Q. *In the issue which we published three years ago, just prior to the Plenary, in addition to the interview with Alan Rose, there was an article by Fred Zemans, Chairman of the Law and Social Action Committee, which had recently come into existence. And in his article, he said that "Jews should speak clearly to Social Action issues from a multiplicity of perspectives, and I agree that our religious heritage must be the most significant of these perspective." Yet a special committee recently set up by Congress to review the mandate of the Religious Department rejected a recommendation that the Religious Department be asked to focus more on Social Action rather than on interfaith dialogue and stated that these matters should be dealt with by a Synagogue Council of Canada, which Congress feels should be brought into existence. Would you agree with this recommendation and with the thought that Congress would actively encourage the formation of such a Synagogue Council?*

A. Let's take that question in two parts. The second part first. I think it would be worthwhile for us to try to encourage a real Synagogue Council, where all three denominations would sit down together to see whether it is possible, if not to iron out their religious differences (I suspect that

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Twenty-one Years of *Viewpoints*

by André Elbaz

A BACKWARD GLANCE

BELIEVE it or not, *Viewpoints* is now one of the oldest, if not the oldest intellectual journal in Canada; with a readership of 48 000 across the country, it almost certainly has the largest circulation of any periodical of its type. It began, modestly enough, in 1965 as a quarterly under the aegis of the Labor Zionist Alliance. Its format was that of a regular magazine and subscriptions were sold at a very reasonable price. Its content was of a high quality, but as a subscription magazine its readership remained small, never exceeding 1 000.

A group of supporters presented a resolution at the 1977 Congress Plenary, which stated that CJC, as the national umbrella organization of Canadian Jewry was the logical organization to *Viewpoints*. It passed unanimously.

However, since CJC itself also labored under monetary constraints, it was not in a position to offer financial support. It did provide office facilities, and gave its blessing to a campaign for support from private individuals and foundations. The initial campaign was launched in Montreal by the late Saul Hayes, then National Executive Director of CJC and in Toronto by Rabbi Gunther Plaut.

> ***As* Viewpoints *is about to enter its tenth year of publication under Congress sponsorship, I am especially proud of the prestige and recognition which has been achieved by this Canadian intellectual journal.***
>
> **Neri J. Bloomfield**
> President, Canadian Zionist Federation

Financial support was slow in coming, but due to the perseverance of our dedicated corps of supporters, funds were provided. We were particularly encouraged by a three year subvention from the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal and an ongoing subvention of $10 000 from the Oscar Yolles Charitable Foundation of Toronto. A new layout for the magazine was designed and our masthead now proclaimed our purpose as follows:

> *Viewpoints* aims to provide an national vehicle for the independent expression of opinion on matters of interest to the Canadian Jewish community. As our name indicates, we are open to all viewpoints in Canadian Jewish life. We welcome articles, fiction and poetry of quality.

Response from the intellectual community was immediate and enthusiastic. Despite the fact that only a token honorarium was paid for material of a high standard of literary and intellectual content, we experienced no shortage of suitable material.

We were able to attract as members of our Editorial Board and Contributing Editors, a wider and more representative group of Canadian Jewish intellectuals including scholars, theologians, writers and poets than had ever come together in any Jewish publication in Canada. Canadian Jewry is an unusually variegated community. We express ourselves linguistically in English, French, Yiddish and Hebrew. We identify ourselves Jewishly as ultra-Orthodox, Orthodox, Conservative, Reform, Reconstructionist and secular. Recognizing this fact, we made a conscious effort to see to it that our contributors would be representative of all these viewpoints and life-styles, so that *Viewpoints* would reflect the vibrancy, diversity and vitality of the Canadian Jewish mosaic.

Despite ongoing financial problems, we continued to publish on a quarterly basis until 1983. At that time we were able to conclude an arrangement with Canadian Jewish News to publish our periodical as a supplement to that newspaper. We changed to a tabloid format, and have appeared since that time between five and seven times annually, depending on availability of funds.

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IMPACT OF *VIEWPOINTS*

Viewpoints has had a remarkably vitalizing effect on the Canadian Jewish community in a number of ways. Some of these are self-evident; others are less so and deserve to be spelled out. The most obvious benefit that derives from the remarkable catalogue of material we have published, is, of course, educational. *Viewpoints* is widely read, and in fact, carefully scrutinized by concerned members of our community, as evidenced by the flood of responses we receive. Rarely has a periodical evoked such passion in our intellectual community, which has so often been criticized for its indifference to Jewish affairs.

> ***We have no* Commentary *or* Midstream *in the country, no publication that tackles the moral, intellectual and cultural confusions of the twentieth century from a Jewish perspective. In its own small but distinguished way,* Viewpoints *attempts to do just that. I never fail to read its illuminating and sometimes controversial articles.***
>
> **Irving Layton**

In addition, the policy we have followed of permitting and even encouraging, opposing views by publishing them at length and not in the truncated form usually found in the Anglo-Jewish press in "Letters to the Editor" columns, helps the reader to grasp the complexity of the issues in depth.

Such an educational opportunity is not available elsewhere in Canada in the printed media. It is available in the United States, where prestigious periodicals such as *Commentary* or *Midstream* (both heavily subvented by Foundations) follow the same practice as we do. However, their circulation, especially in proportion to the size of the American Jewish community, is much smaller than that of *Viewpoints*. We have grown accustomed to the astonishment expressed by American colleagues at the fact that a community of less than 300 000 Jews in Canada has been able to sustain *Viewpoints* for over twenty years.

A less obvious but equally important benefit resulting from *Viewpoints*, has been to provide a platform for the group of Jews who formerly were categorized as 'alienated Jewish intellectuals'. Fortunately this phenomenon has decreased in recent years due largely to the advent of the 'post-secular' age, one manifestation of which is the tremendous proliferation of Jewish Studies Programs, now numbering over 400 in North American universities. The reason for the renewed interest of Jewish intellectuals in their Jewish heritage is beyond the scope of this article; the result however has been a large increase in the number of young Jewish intellectuals who are far more committed to and knowledgeable about Judaism in its various manifestations than their counterparts in the first half of the century. However, the lack of a vehicle for the dissemination of their views beyond the classroom has played a large part in prolonging their alienation, albeit now for a different reason.

> ***The word* unique *tends to be overused, but there is no doubt that* Viewpoints *serves a singular position in Canadian Jewry.***
> ***There is no other Jewish cultural magazine of the quality and content of* Viewpoints. *If it didn't exist, it would have to be created.***
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> **Manuel G. Batshaw**
> Past Executive Vice-President, Allied Jewish Community Services, Montreal

The appearance of *Viewpoints* was immediately recognized by these intellectuals as a potential platform for their self-expression. The happy marriage that results is one reason for the longevity of our periodical. It has also served to reduce their sense of frustration, for through *Viewpoints*, a national audience is, for the first time, available to them.

Finally, we believe that *Viewpoints* has added to the prestige of our community, for despite our small numbers, we have been able to command the financial and intellectual resources to support a publication of this quality for over twenty years. This achievement is a source of admiration and wonderment to other Jewish communities; it is also a source of pride to be shared by every Canadian Jew.

> ***I think it is important that the community be led into higher levels of understanding of their Jewish identity, and* Viewpoints *is certainly one of the very effective ways of doing that. That's why I have always been a supporter of* Viewpoints.**
>
> **Milton Harris**
> President, Canadian Jewish Congress

As we stand on the threshold of our third decade, we look forward to the continued growth and creativity of *Viewpoints*. However, the lack of a sound financial base is an ongoing concern. We hope that this problem will be resolved in the not too distant future. Until that day comes, we must rely on individuals and foundations within the wider Canadian Jewish community to ensure our survival by continuing and increasing their financial support.

André Elbaz *is chairman of the Editorial Board of* Viewpoints

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would be very difficult) but to try to find some unified *modus vivendi*, which would keep the Jewish community together in a religious way.

With regard to the first part of that statement, in the last six months we have been restructuring the Religious Affairs Committee to broaden its rule, to keep it active in the Tripartite Council, where it has been a major player. And I think that is a very useful role for it to play; it should also broaden its focus as far as social issues are concerned. That is certainly the way we are now going, and I would very much hope that the next administration will follow up on the initiatives that we are taking here.

Q. *To turn to another aspect of this question, I am sure you, more than anyone, know the very difficult financial constraints under which Congress is labouring. In fact, one of your major achievements has been to resolve the terribly difficult financial situation in which you found Congress, when you became president. But it may very well be that the problem of finding funds for the kinds of activities that you are now advocating might involve the reallocation of priorities and perhaps reducing activities in some areas. Let me list some of these alleged imbalances in priorities and ask you to comment.*

One is that a statement has been made that Congress devotes too much of its effort to helping Jews in other countries — Soviet Jewry, Ethiopian Jewry and Israel (nobody suggests that they shouldn't be helped) — but that there has not been enough encouragement of Jewish commitment by Canadian Jews. What would be your reaction?

A. There isn't any question that Congress has to reorder its priorities. It might well be the new activities that we should involve ourselves in will get broad general support, and I mean also financial support from the federations who meet together around the National Budgeting Conference table, and that will give us more funds to operate with. But unless that happens, the next administration will have to continue what this administration did: we reordered our priorities. I have heard about that all of my adult life, and I've been active in Jewish communal life a good part of my childhood and all of my adulthood, and I have always heard we have to reorder our priorities, and I have never really seen that happen. What we were forced to do at the beginning of this administration was cut out whole departments in order to be able to continue, (actually as it developed, to expand,) in areas where the officers felt the priorities should be put. We had to separate several staff people and we closed down departments and merged departments in order to get within the constraints of the budget funds that we were actually given.

Q. *Another comment that we hear quite frequently is that Congress devotes too much effort in promoting Yiddish, which is now spoken by less than 3% of the population and the prophecy is made that it will disappear entirely by the end of the century. What would be your reaction to that comment?*

A. Well, I would disagree with that comment. We have marginally increased the program budget to the Yiddish Committee, but it is a minuscule budget. The fact is that Yiddish, to me, is part of the Jewish tradition. I don't speak it myself, and I would love to speak it and I would love to have my children speak it. I think that it is a program which has a constituency, and all of our programs have a constituency, so that's important, but I think it does have meaning to following generations, and it would be important to maintain the Yiddish ethos.

Q. *We all know that Canada is a very difficult country for national organizations because of the wide, expanse of territory and the lack of funds. I understand that you have made it a major focus of your administration to visit all the communities across Canada and that you have made progress in this regard. Would you elaborate on this for us.*

A. 72% of the total Jewish population live in Toronto and Montreal. That has resulted, in my view, in an over-focus by all our communal organizations, including Congress, on Toronto and Montreal. That means two things: first of all, there has been very little presence of Congress in the outlying areas of the country. Now, many people will know that I am originally a Londoner, and when I came to Toronto, I was the president of the London Jewish Community Council. So I know that Congress was not a presence in London, Ontario, and it has not been a presence in a good part of the country.

I have been in all the major regions speaking, some of them several times. My executive director has been there, my executive vice-president has made several trips, and we have, I believe, established Congress's presence from Vancouver to the Atlantic Region. I would strongly commend to the next administration that they follow that initiative up, because it is very easily lost when 72% of your population are thinking Toronto and Montreal. You can very easily forget about it, and in two or three years from now, find that the interest from the rest of the country has eroded. So I think it is a very important factor to keep in mind.

To me, that always meant a refocussing of the centre. There is no point in going to London or Calgary or Vancouver and hectoring them because of their lack of participation and their lack of involvement; to me, the change of focus had to be in the centre, and that has happened in this administration. When you come to a Congress Executive or Officers' meeting today, you almost always have total participation from all the regions of the country. And I don't only mean attendance, I mean participation.

Q. *To change the focus of this interview slightly, most Canadian Jews look upon Congress mainly as a Jewish lobby vis-à-vis government, both provincial and federal. Major changes have taken place in the ruling parties in Canada during your tenure. Have these changes affected our relationship with these governments?*

A. No. That's one fact that our community can be proud of. We are very highly regarded in government circles, because we are highly knowledgeable, the presentations we make are very high-quality, we are involved in the political process, we are involved in the party process. To me that has always been essential. It's been essential to have Jews who are identified as Jews, and are active as well in the political parties of the country, and I mean the three major political parties (I'm talking nationally, of course). That is the case. Now, historically in this country, Jews have been primarily Liberals, a smaller proportion NDP, and an even smaller proportion Conservative. That has been the historical package which we have carried, certainly in all the years that I have been very active in lobbying governments and some of those years where I have had the major responsibility for lobbying governments.

I think it is essential that a community or any interest group does lobby government. People don't like to hear me use the word "lobby" or to see it in a newspaper, "Jewish lobby", and my own belief is that the only time I want to read about the Jewish lobby in the newspaper is when we are successful! And I'm quite happy to find out that we have been successful in some representations we have made. But that's what the political process is about, and if you are not heard, your concerns are not addressed. I think we've grown up historically, in that we are not as completely identified with the Liberal party as we were. Now, of course I am sure that many of your readers will understand that I am one of those who are completely identified with the Liberal party — I'm the former chairman of the finance committee of the National Liberal Executive and I've been an active Liberal for many years of my life and still support the party — but I am very much gratified by the fact that there has been good Jewish leadership built up in the Conservative party and who are active in the Conservative party and who are identifying Jews, who are not there only as Canadians, but as Canadian Jews. Whereas they are representing the whole country, they are also specifically representing who they are, and we have a lot of good people like that in all three political parties today. Twenty years ago, that was not the case.

Q. *An even broader question: books by Charles Liebman, Chaim Waxman and others have appeared recently, proclaiming that things are getting better, rather than worse, for Jews in North America. Since the 'doomsday' scenario, based on decreasing birth rates, declining synagogue membership, increasing divorce rate, rising assimilation has been the accepted stance among Jewish social scientists for decades, this 'survivalist' scenario has proven rather startling to many Jews. Based on your experience as president of Congress during the last three years, which would you accept — the survivalist or the doomsday scenario?*

A. Well, I'd accept the survivalist scenario for sure. I'm temperamentally an optimist, and I believe that, somehow or another — I suppose that's my Jewish self talking — I always believe that no matter how bad things are and how hopeless they are, they always resolve themselves favourably. And we Jews, of course, have been the best possible example of that, and I believe that will continue. I honestly believe that the key to Jewish identity is our relationship with the Jewish State, and that has to be very massively redefined. It has never really been addressed since the establishment of the State: the relationship between the Diaspora and the Jewish State. The reason that it was never properly addressed is that the Zionist ideal was that when we achieved a Jewish State, all Jews who continued to identify themselves as Jews would go there. The simple fact is that 75% of the free-world Jews are not in the Jewish State, with very little prospect, certainly in the foreseeable future, that they will go there. And we have to deal with that 75%, who are Diaspora Jews, who remain in the Diaspora, and it is in our interest to assure that they remain identifying Jews. And I believe that the relationship between the Diaspora and the Jewish State is absolutely critical in the determination as to whether we remain optimists on survival or not.

Q. *In regard to your concern about Jewish identity, don't you think that Congress should reorder its priorities regarding Jewish culture, because Jewish culture, whether it be religious or non-religious, can bind us to Judaism?*

A. I would agree with you that the propagation of Jewish culture has to be a major element in the survivability of Judaism in this country. But there are certain difficulties which have to do do with the federal nature of this country. The federal nature of the country has to do with the demography, and it is essential that we understand that in our Jewish communal organizations as well. So, there are some issues which I do not believe are appropriately dealt with by the national organization of Congress. They are much more appropriately developed provincially or regionally.

Take the issue of education, for instance. There is no doubt in my mind that, even in the Jewish community, the perceptions about what is needed in education are different around the country. They are also different between a large Jewish community like Montréal and a small Jewish community like Saskatoon. So, I would say that in the years that I've been president, the major concern in that area has not been the major communities of Toronto and Montreal, which have enormous resources and energy of their own, it has been the smaller communities. We haven't done nearly what we would have liked to have done in that area, although we have done a great deal. And we now have major programs on track, with considerable amount of both Jewish community and Canadian government funding, to proceed in servicing our smaller communities, because the danger of loss of Jewish identity is much greater in a community of fifteen people than it is in a community of 125 000.

Q. *In the last 25 years, there has been a massive immigration of the Sephardic Jewish population into Canada. They now represent about 10% of the Jewish population. What, in your opinion, has been their impact on the community and Congress plan to foster their participation in Congress?*

A. Well, as you know, this is primarily an issue in the Québec region, although from a national standpoint, I would have a great deal of interest in it. My whole concept of a democratic, representative organization is that all of the major people should be represented and participate in the decision-making process. My own experience is that if people are not there representing themselves, decisions made on their behalf are skewed generally against their interests. So the only way they can defend their interests is to be around the table and participate. That means primarily that they've got to come in and participate. I do know that the leadership in the Québec region has made a substantial effort in the last three years to bring in the Sephardic community. I think that has to continue. The Sephardic community itself has to, first of all, reach an element of comfort in our society, to the extent that they believe that if they come in, they will be listened to, they will participate in the decision-making process, and if they do that, the decisions that are made, the allocations that are made, the division of resources that are made will be equitably deal with. Once again, I have to emphasize my own concept of any organization or any policy is that people's interests are not equitably dealt with unless they are sitting there, participating in the decision.

Fiction

THE RETURN

by Nadja Zajdman

RENATA leaned her head back to have it washed. It was the first time she'd been to a hairdresser in this city in thirty-one years. The water drenched her hair and soothing hands massaged her scalp. As she succumbed to the sensation, she remembered . . . her brother had stolen a bottle of peroxide and had pushed her into the sewer with one commandment: "LIVE."

Renata marvelled at the gall of the sixteen-year-old she had been. "Dye it", she had ordered the Polish beautician as she handed her the tint. Nothing exposed one as a Jew more quickly than a blond head with dark roots.

Renata had returned to Warsaw after having fled to the Russian sector a year and a half before. The only district now permitted her was the Ghetto.

She had stayed on in Bialystok after her mother's death. She had refused to return with her brother. "I'm afraid of the Germans," she had said. Orphaned and alone, she had enrolled herself in a Russian boarding-school. There she had met Irena, a pretty Polish teenager a year older than she. Motherless, her father a prisoner of war, Irena had befriended and protected the homeless Jewish girl.

Serene as Renata was highstrung, Irena guarded Renata's allowance and portioned out their rationed food. While their classmates returned to their families during holidays, the two girls walked through the woods and roamed the halls of the deserted building together, sharing secrets and telling each other of their own families, which they had lost. In eighteen months, they had learned so much about each other that one could take on the other's identity, which Renata would come to do.

It was Irena's calm which would eventually kill her. On a balmy evening in June, 1941, while they were studying in their room, Renata heard rumblings which made her start.

"It's the Germans!" She leapt to her feet.

"Don't be silly, Renia. They're far away."

"No they're not. They're coming, they're coming closer! Please Irka, let's get into the cellar. Let's go down there. Please."

"Dont't pester me, I want to finish this chapter."

"Well if you won't, I will!" Renata ran into the hallway. The staccato of Messerschmidts was unmistakable now. It was too late to return and save Irka.

The wailing of her classmates nearly drowned out the guns. The sky rained bullets as the Messerschmidts mowed them down. A brunette with pigtails dropped backwards beside her. What, one moment, had been the freckled redhead who was tops in math, was, the next, a severed head.

Renata glanced behind her. The school was on fire.

The water stopped and a towel was wrapped around her head. "Prosze Pani. Come with me."

Irena would be forty-nine, had she lived. But it was Renata who had to go on living with the memory of Irena and all the others she had had to leave behind.

After the blaze of Bialystok, Renata had nowhere to go but back to Warsaw and the Ghetto, which would confine her until the day her brother pushed her into the sewer. The stolen dye he had applied to her hair was fading, and he had pressed the bottle of peroxide into her hand as a parting gift.

Surfacing on the Gentile side, Renata filched a dress from a pedlar's cart. It wasn't much, but it was presentable, which was more than could be said for her tattered rags. She changed in an alley, and then she brazened her way into a beauty salon. Had she been questioned she would have presented the forged papers her brother had supplied, upon which her new identity was stamped: IRENA KRYSTYNA PODBIELSKA.

"Would you like your hair cut?"

"No, just set, please."

"You have lovely hair, Pani. You are not from here, I think."

"I was born here."

"Really? Here? Right here in Warsaw?"

"Yes."

"How long have you been away?"

"I left in 1943."

"That long? And your hair is still not gray? Or perhaps you dye it."

"No, this is my natural colour."

"Amazing. Such a lovely chestnut. Here a woman your age would've gone gray years ago.

Where do you live now?

"I live in Canada."

"Oh! How fortunate! Is it really as wonderful as they say? How do you find our country after such a long time away?"

"Sad. I find it depressing."

"Yes, it must seem so to you, coming from such an enchanted place. For us, the war will never be over. After the Germans, came the Russians. Their tanks may be gone, but their oppression remains. Still, Hitler did us one favour. He rid us of the dregs and the Jews.

Prosze Pani! Keep still! I will ruin your hair if you jerk about in such a way!"

Renata stepped out into the autumn drizzle and draped a scarf over her freshly-done hair. She set out on foot for the address she had been given. She loathed calling a cab; one look at her English coat and the meter would become conveniently broken while the fare would magically rise. The bombed city had been reconstructed according to its pre-war design, and Renata did not need a map to find where she was going. As she passed the food lines and fatigued faces and the closed shops which had run out of wares, she wondered why she had agreed to come back to this place.

Like other survivors, she had vowed never to return to the land that had caused her so much humiliation and pain. As a refugee in a new land, she had forged another identity. The lawyer's daughter from Warsaw had swept floors and cleaned toilets in offices and manufacturing firms. Singled out by her employers as too bright to be wasted, they had brought her into their inner sanctums and had her trained in commerce. She married another refugee, and together they built their own business. She had inspired and worked beside an often frightened husband, refusing to allow him to give in to despair. They had had children, born in freedom; a family to replace the families each had lost. And now, as an established importer, she had been sought out by the Polish Trade Commission to help revive the economy of an almost bankrupt nation. To her astonishment, she had accepted.

"Dolarki! Dolarki! Change money, Mrs! Please!" Entreaties for dollars assailed her from the shadows. furtive whispers begging foreign currency to be traded at black market rate.

"Get away. I will not change money. You know it isn't legal. Leave me alone!"

The sleazy figures slinked back into the shadows. Renata had chosen to conduct personal business in the homes of the people she was seeing, rather than invite them to her hotel. On the night of her arrival, she discovered that her room had been bugged.

Her pace quickened. She reached the address she'd been seeking and entered the arched doorway. She had come bringing dollars for the sister of her husband's friend.

"Pani Zajdman! I've been expecting you. *Prosze bardzo.* Please do come in!"

Renata stooped to enter the basement apartment. There was a beat-up sofa in the main room, two wooden chairs and a frayed area rug. Through a partition Renata could see a pot simmering on a gas stove. The wallpaper was peeling, and the air was heavy with the must of years.

"Prosze Pani. I have soup for you." Basia Czerska beckoned her guest to the kitchen table. She ladled out cabbage soup flecked with meat. Renata realized the hours of waiting invested in attaining those specks of meat. She sipped the liquid and left the food, knowing it could still be put to use.

Renata pulled out the money and photographs she had brought from Basia's brother. Basia Czerska was a middle-aged divorcée who lived in this hole of an apartment alone. She had left her husband years before. Alcoholism was a national disease, and Basia's husband had been afflicted. Men used vodka to solve unsolvable problems, and the demons it invoked masked despair. Drinking had also induced her husband's anti-Semitic streak, another illness which plagued the Poles. Marriage to a Jewess created a combustible situation, and Basia had bailed out. Intermarriage was one of the few reasons there were still any Jews left in Poland, but in a country with a heritage of hate, love between Gentile and Jew was doomed.

"Tell me Pani. What is your first name?"

"My name is Renata."

"Really? It's beautiful. But how does a woman born in Poland come to have such a name?"

"My father studied in Switzerland. He brought the name back with him."

"Such a lovely, musical name. You know, I have a friend whose daughter's name is Renata." And Basia went on to tell her guest all about this marvellous friend. Then she made a slip of the tongue which could bring one to believe there is a God, if anything could. She referred to this friend by her maiden maiden name. "... and then Irena Podbielska said to me..."

"What? WHAT?! You're lying! I am Irena Podbielska! My name is Irena Krystyna Podbielska, I was born in Lomza, and my father is a prisoner of the Germans. Who dares call herself by my name?! This other girl is an im-

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postor, whoever she is! *I* am Irena Podbielska! I am not a Jew!"

"Pani Zajdman!"

"*Ja jestem* Irena Podbielska! I am Irena Podbielska! I am not a Jew! I am not a Jew!"

"Renata!"

Basia smacked Renata out of her hallucination.

"Pani Zajdman! Please! What is wrong? What have I done?"

Renata told her.

"My friend Irena had a father with the border patrol who was taken prisoner of war. Her mother died when she was six. She had two stepmothers. The first one died, and the second one was deported to Russia in 1940. She had two step-sisters. The younger one was deported with her mother, and the other lived in Lomza with their grandparents."

"It sounds very much like Irka."

"But it's not possible! I saw the school go up in flames!"

"Neither Stefan nor Irka ever told me of such a story."

"Stefan?"

"Her husband."

"Her husband? What is her name now?"

"Weinfeld."

"But that's a Jewish name."

"Yes. She married a Jew. She had a son named Roman, a daughter named Renata, and she's married to a Jew."

The women shuddered.

"Well, there's only one way to find out. I don't have a phone, but the Weinfelds do. When Stefan retired from the army he turned to writing. His works of science-fiction have become quite prominent; they're required reading in the high schools.

They aren't managing too badly. They're one of the few who have a phone.

Chodz Pani Renata, we can call from the post office. We can still get there before it closes. *Chodz* Pani Renata. Come."

Basia led her guest through the darkening streets. What if it isn't her? Worse, what if it is, and she doesn't remember me? It's been thirty-three years since the evening we lost each other, and we'd been together only eighteen months. Why sould she remember me? It was another life.

Basia dialed and spoke with a man on the other end. Then a woman's voice came on the lines. "Hello Irena. Here is Basia. I have a visitor from Canada who says she has news of a friend of yours."

"Of mine? But I don't know anyone in Canada."

"I think you'd better speak to her.

"*Prosze* Pani, take the phone. Don't be afraid. Take it. Please."

"Hello. Pani Weinfeld?"

"Yes."

Oh help. How does one do this?

"Pani Weinfeld, were you born in Lomza?"

"Yes, I was."

"Was your mother's name Helena, and your father's name Czeslaw?"

"Yes! Yes! But I don't know anyone in Canada!"

"Pani Weinfeld. Do you... would you... would you happen to remember a Jewish girl from Warsaw?"

"Why of course. Renia Skotnicka. She was my friend. She died."

"Irka." Renia slumped against the wall. "Irka, it's me."

A scream pierced the receiver. Then there was silence.

"What's this? Who are you? What have you done to my wife?!"

"Pan Weinfeld? I'm sorry. Is she alright?"

"Is she alright? Is she alright?! She's just fainted! Is she alright. Irka! Irka!"

There was a muffled commotion, and then, "Alright, she's coming to. But who are you? And what did you say to my wife?!"

"I'm sorry. It was a shock. It was a shock for me too. I knew Irena during the war. We were roommates in a boarding-school."

"Renata? Are you Renata Skotnicka?"

"Yes."

"But that's impossible. You're not supposed to be alive. You were killed in 1941. The Germans shot you all!"

"Not all. Three of us survived."

"Oh god. My god."

Stefan Weinfeld, the Polish-Jewish science-fiction writer, started to cry.

Basia intervened .

"Stefan, I'm sending her over in a taxi. Now you're expecting a guest, so pull yourself together!"

Basia sniffled. "Come. I will call a taxi."

Basia waited with Renata until the taxi arrived. She gave the driver the address and added, "This lady is a V.I.P. from Canada, so if you flick off your meter, you bandit, I'll see to it that you get your throat cut!"

The taxi sped away. It deposited Renata at her destination, where a woman flanked by two men were standing on the sidewalk, waiting for her. She paid the driver and tried to tip him.

"No Pani, no! No want dolarki. No want trouble!"

Renata stepped out of the taxi, and it took off. She turned to the people beaming at her. A middle-aged man with a beaked nose, receding chin, and glasses; a pale young man with red hair and his mother's high forehead. Between them stood Irena. She had grown stout, and dowdy. Her twinkling blue eyes were hidden behind glasses, and her wispy ash blond hair had turned to gray.

"I wouldn't recognize you, Irka."

"I wouldn't recognize you either.

They brought Renata to their apartment, where another Renata had just arrived. She was sixteen, a senior in high school. She looked like her brother; the same porcelain palor, the fine red hair, and their mother's high forehead. She was a dreamy girl, sensitive and shy. She had often wondered about the lost Renata, and marvelled that she was now meeting her.

Solemnly the family gathered around their guest.

"What happened to you, Irka? How did you survive?"

"It wasn't our school they set fire to, it was the building next door. I ran back to my home, to my grandparents and my sister. A few weeks later I met some of our friends who thought they'd seen you, but weren't sure. I'd heard everyone was killed, and even if one or two managed to escape, I was sure it couldn't be you. You were so helpless; you seemed the least likely to survive."

"What happened to your father?"

"He was shot in the prisoner-of-war camp trying to escape. I found out through the Red Cross."

"And your step-mother?"

"She survived. So did my sisters. The younger one died of cancer after the war.

Once, I made a trip across the country and I passed through Sochaczew. I remembered your telling me it was your father's home, and that you'd spent your summers there. I couldn't help it. I cried."

"I was deported in 1943. I came back here in '45 to look for my brother. I found him, and together we looked for you. There was no trace, so I put in a request to the Red Cross. They couldn't find you either. You see, I wanted to thank you."

Renata gazed at the family of eyes wondering at her. "I survived in a labour camp as a deported Pole. My brother had had the papers forged. I thought you were dead, so I took your identity."

It was too much. Irena broke down. The men sat helpless. Renata wrapped her arms around her mother, and held her.

The two men talked far into the night. As the sun rose Renata turned to Renata, "Tell me about yourself. What is it you would like to do?"

"I'm not sure. I thought of being a journalist, but in this country one cannot tell the truth. Perhaps I can be an architect. I should like to build something."

"I'm going back to Canada tomorrow, but I don't want to lose any of you. One day you must come to visit me, and my husband and my children, each and every one of you. In the meantime, I would like you to let me send something. What is there that I can get for you?"

"Well, I know that Roman would like a pair of jeans, and Daddy would like books that he can't get here, though I don't know if that would get you into trouble."

"But what about you? Isn't there anything I can get you?"

"Well, if it wouldn't be asking too much... could I have a Burt Bacharach record?"

"I think that can be arranged.

Irka." The women faced each other, drained. Let me send you something. What is it I can get for you?"

"Well", Irka sadly fondled her prematurely gray head. "Do you remember the colour my hair used to be? It wasn't that long ago. If I could have something from Canada, I think I should like..." she gulped, then pressed on. "If I could have anything, really anything, that I wanted, then I would like to have — a bottle of peroxide.

Renata didn't know whether to laugh or to cry.

"Irka! They don't make peroxide anymore!"

"They don't?!"

"No, they don't!"

Irka's face fell.

"Products have improved, Irena. I'll send you something better!"

Stefan called a taxi. Renata stepped out into full sunshine. Autumn was shouting a last hurrah. The air was vibrant, and the leaves were as red as the children's hair.

"Pani Renata! Pani Renata! I just thought of something!"

"What is it, Renata?"

"If I write a letter to your daughter, will she answer?"

"I'm sure she will. My daughter enjoys writing letters. She enjoys receiving them even more. But what makes you want to write to my daughter?"

"Well, if I did, I would have a penpal in Canada, which would be something very special... even more special than a Burt Bacharach record. And if we wrote to each other then we'd be sort of... friends, you know, like you and my mother."

Renata embraced Irena's daughter. "Good-bye Renata."

The taxi came. Renata got in, and turned to catch a last glimpse of the receding figures waving good-bye.

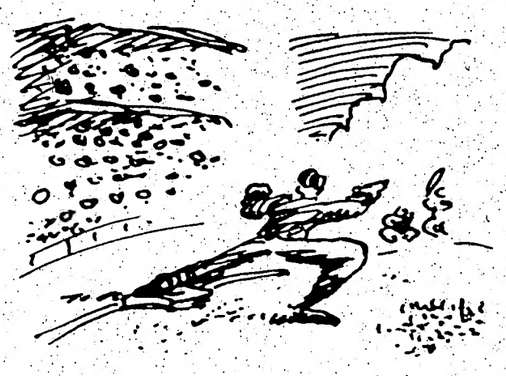
A RUNNER AT FIRST

by Shel Krakofsky

Not created to hit
home runs,
the Jew is always a runner at—
First.
He waits
for signs and signals;
inching off the bag,
playing his own game with the
Pitcher.

Wanting to be ignored,
hoping to be seen,
he frets over his
leadoff
afraid
of being picked off,
erased,
with a flick of the
Wrist.

Having learned to hold
little faith in the
batter,
he takes his own chances
to advance,
wondering eternally,
how to arrive safely
at the place called
Home.



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Letters

Sir:

With regard to the letter from Mr. John Fishel, Executive Director of Allied Jewish Community Services, published in your last issue, I am happy to acknowledge the change in A.J.C.S. philosophy.

In 1983, AJCS published "The Communal Challenge, The Final Report of the Long Range Planning Committee". Amongst its six sub-committees, none dealt directly with Jewish education. According to Mr. John Fishel, Executive Director of AJCS, a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of AJCS decided that Jewish education was indeed a priority. The Jewish community will certainly welcome this improvement as it will appreciate a projected increase of AJCS funding from 1.4% of the cost of Jewish Day Schools to 2%.

As far as planning is concerned, AJCS allocates roughly the same amount of money to the Jewish Education Council, "a coordinating and planning body", and to Jewish Schools. A bureaucratic body is therefore receiving equal treatment as actual Jewish education in schools. I would have liked to see in Mr. Fishel's letter more of an explanation of the rationale behind the budgeting process.

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Shcharansky, Jews, and Israel:

by Mordechai Nisan

ANATOLY Shcharansky, known alternatively as Tolik and Natan, is one of the most exciting *olim* (new immigrants) to Eretz Yisrael since that first paradigmatic *oleh*, Avraham Avinu (Abraham the Patriarch). The personal history of Anatoly is a dramtic instance of the national history of the Jewish people. With superhuman and unexplainable commitment, with courage and stubborness, he broke all the rules of Soviet society in order to assert his right to stand as a Jew in dignity, in the same way that the Jewish People broke all the rules of world history and survived the usual cyclical pattern of national birth and disappearance. He underwent and withstood the cruel persecution of the Jew who refuses to abandon his claim to be different, special, and to stand apart from the nations of the world.

The arrival of Anatoly Shcharansky in Israel is a moment of hope and reflection. In the midst of spiritual malaise and cultural disorientation, there appears a modern-day hero. The era of twentieth-century democratic and communist homogenization produced, it sometimes seems, the degeneration of men into commonplace philistines. This inevitably leads to fierce antagonism to strong individuals. Shcharansky shook the self-confidence of the Soviet regime, its faith in itself, and its ideological spine began to ache. They imprisoned Shcharansky, tortured his battered body, isolated him from social contact with the outside world. But they could not destroy his spirit. In the end it was the Russians who gave in. How will the Israelis contend with this Jewish hero?

Whither Zionism

Israel has arrived at a stage in its modern development where a western-style materialistic ethos now comes to supersede the early Zionist ideological commitment. Most Israelis would today be most happy to see the Zionist epoch end, as the floodlights focus on more video sets and color TVs, more vacations in Europe and larger imported cars. It is interesting how the image of heroic Zionism, still romantically held in certain Jewish and non-Jewish circles, contrasts with the everyday reality of Israeli society. Some of the air has gone out of the Zionist balloon, and many Israelis would be quite content not to have to exert themselves unduly in order to perpetuate the colorful national fair.

In order for the new *oleh* like Anatoly Shcharansky to find idealism in present-day Israel, he must read from history books that recall the pioneering heroes of early Zionism. There were indeed impressive and creative Jews who made Zionism a romantic adventure in the era of national liberation of small peoples. Stampner and Solomon, who founded Petach Tikva in the 1880s, demonstrated the fanatical tie between Jews and their land. The Barsky family was willing to sacrifice its sons in the struggle to assure that the new Jewish *yishuv* in Eretz Yisrael would survive. A.D. Gordon proved that a middle-aged intellectual could turn his body into an instrument of agricultural labor because his Jewish spirit kept burning inside of him. Trumpeldor, the leader of Tel Hai, fought courageously against Arab marauders and left a legacy of military bravery for future *sabra* generations that go on to serve in the Israel defence forces. And all of these people, along with the defenders of Yad Mordechai and Kfar Etzion, were authentic witnesses that Zionism could not have succeeded, and cannot be adequately understood, without recognizing its gallery of heroes.

But, as I said, the Zionism of yesteryear is not the Israel of today. The country's confusion and inability to accept and cling to a clear Jewish direction has led to a series of most agonizing problems previously unknown, such as youthful suicides and draft-dodging. Both are symptomatic of a deeper decay of national health.

Has Israel Lost Its National Purpose?

But we ponder whether the *aliya* of Anatoly has the power, to use a line from Lionel Trilling, "to recruit the primitive strength that a highly developed culture has diminished". Israel has become a country without much of a national purpose. The contemporary Israeli "heroes" are no longer the pristine Zionist ones, that is, a builder, a settler, a farmer, an ideologue, an immigrant. Today's public "heroes" include popular television anchormen whose partisan politics corrupt and lower the national morale a notch every evening, as they cultivate empathy with the Arab adversary in Israel's ongoing conflict in the Middle East; *yordim* (emigrants) who return with a fat wad of greenbacks earned in Los Angeles, and elsewhere, enjoying a brief stopover in the narrow confines of the Hebrew homeland; and rebellious dissenters who break with hallowed norms, like military discipline and professional responsibility, as seen in the behavior of senior army officer Eli Geva during the Lebanese War.

Despite the official fanfare and festive airport greeting, Shcharansky's homecoming may, with or without intention, expose the decay of a confused society. He is a nationally healthy Jew, who chose personal suffering as the price to struggle for his individual dignity. He did not opt for the false comforts of an assimilated life-style in a foreign land. His body was in *Galut* but his heart was in Eretz Yisrael. Painfully separated he maintained his strong desire for both "his Avital" (as he would fondly say) and his land.

Israel and Aliya

At this stage of its modern history Israel is in dire need of fresh blood and fresh ideas to throw into the national arena. Nothing less than this will suffice. Many Israelis are tired of war, of the absence of peace, of terrorism and intimidation, of poverty and deprivation. There is growing unemployment, businesses are closing, workers are frustrated and the ones dismissed are actively demonstrating their grievances. This grave economic situation is only partially ameliorated by the temporary freeze on inflation. Development towns like Sderot, Yeroham, and Kiryat Shmona, on the geographical periphery of the country, are finding out — as are all Israelis — that they have become 'underdevelopment' towns. And this deteriorating situation caries with it a Sephardic 'ethnic' dimension whose impact on the social and political fabric of Israel has yet to surface fully.

Juxtaposed to all this, Shcharansky's arrival reminded people what the idea of Israel is. It is primarily an *idea*, an old dream, a mythic success-story, a Biblical re-run replete with war heroes, dramatic victories, superhuman efforts. The ideological core of Israel is formalized in the Law of Return (1950) which gives all Jews who come on *aliya* the right to become citizens of the state.

Now the *oleh* — particularly from the West — is an idealist by definition. He leaves behind much of the material wealth and its amenities that many Israelis struggle for their whole life and few will attain. In fact, Israelis are willing to leave the country in order to acquire that which Westerners leave behind, without so much as a backward glance. *Olim* reject the parasitical experience of eating Israel, singing Israel, reading Israel — but not living as an Israeli in Israel. They are unfulfilled in their role as cheerleaders applauding from the bleachers and have chosen to get on to the playing field, even at the risk of getting bashed around, but for a chance of getting their hands on the ball.

Aliya is the Raison D'être of Zionism

Aliya is the gem in the Israeli crown. It is the personal legacy of Abraham and the raison d'être of Zionism.

It remains to be seen whether Shcharansky will be an inspiring model for the Israelis. The modern war against noble and powerful souls is unlikely to spare this modern Jewish hero now washed ashore in a distraught era of Israel's history. The virulent democratic secularism that is spreading its tentacles throughout society will not be magnanimous, we already know, to this special kind of person. The Israeli media have warned Anatoly that he will be a great disappointment if he becomes an observant Jew. The press, as shown in a vicious and much-discussed article by Yoel Marcus in the *Ha'aretz* daily, finds Avital's recent religiosity and her nationalist politics offensive to their anti-Jewish sensibilities. One of the wonderments of the liberal left is its denying individuals the free choice of beliefs and behavior. Israel's dogmatic secularists are fully tolerant — of their own kind. Anatoly survived Russia, but I wish we could be as sure he will survive Israel.

Challenge and Contribution

As someone once wryly queried, "Is there life after *aliya*?" For Israel's sake we certainly hope so. The country direly needs the strength and commitment of Jews like Shcharansky. To build and settle, to stand tall and fight, speak nobly and advocate eloquently the case of the Jewish people and the state of Israel before an often unfriendly world. The Israelis cannot do these jobs adequately alone. They need the Jews from the diaspora.

Even now the role of *olim* in the universities and in high-tech industries, in settlement activity and in religious scholarship, is impressive and growing out of all proportion to their numbers. After their skills and talents have been developed in the West, there is a Jewish responsibility to bring that expertise and know-how home to family. Just as the Nigerian student of Business Administration at Harvard and the Indian student of Geology at McGill both return to apply their newly-acquired knowledge in their home countries, so the Jewish doctor in Mt. Sinai hospital and the Jewish computer specialist from the University of Toronto should by natural instinct go home to Israel to contribute. But the Jews are still ambivalent about whether the 'territorial imperative' applies to them personally.

As well, Israel would become a more pleasant and smooth-running society if Western, specifically North American, business ethos would begin to take root there. Free enterprise and service ethic could begin to displace the top-heavy bureaucratic-socialist system in the national conduct of economic life. These aspects of the West are sorely needed in Israel.

The red carpet is not permanently awaiting the next new Israeli stepping down the EL AL flight at Lod. The *oleh*'s idealism may be painfully insulting to the native-born or veteran Israeli. His initiative may be threatening, his common sense revolutionary, but the more such Jews settle in the country the better. Patriotic passion and technical proficiency will provide a powerful combination for the development of a strong and viable Jewish society in Israel. It will become, as it once was, an attractive option for Jews and a worthy adversary for the Arabs.

New *olim* refuse to be compartmentalized in a pre-set uniform Israeli model. They want to express their individual selves and continue in their own way. Aliya is not, and never has been, merely a personal experience. It must also be the opening to garnering positions of influence in the total society.

It is for all this and more that we are grateful that Anatoly — the Jewish Refusenik, the fighter for human rights, the educated scientist and mathematician — has joined us in Israel. There is confusion in the land, and much work to be accomplished. The Jews in the diaspora who are ready to meet new challenges and add to the Israeli reality — these are the Jews who will make Jewish history. Anatoly tells us that the future is theirs, if they want it.

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Viewpoints

Is Fund-Raising Killing Judaism?

by Monty Robins

IT is related that when man appears before the Throne of Judgment, the first question he is asked, is not — "Have you believed in G-d?" or, "Have you prayed and performed ritual acts?" or indeed "Have you dealt honorably with your fellow man?" The prime question will be — "What was your contribution to the United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds over the past seven years?" Visions of huge celestial storage cupboards of microfilm containing computer print-outs of contributions throughout the universe, adds a touch of modernity, if not credulity to the story. The story reflects the rightful importance placed by the Jewish community on the mitzvah of "tzdakah"; however, regretfully but understandably, it also illustrates why the Jewish community is beginning to be perceived — wrongfully of course — as one giant "schnorrer" factory.

Responding to a question on three fundamental principles of Judaism, one young man answered: — "first, fund-raising; secondly fund-raising, and last but not least . . . fund-raising." The cynics within the community who are constantly beseeched and exhorted to "give until it hurts . . . bleed until you haermorrhage!" may also note, that the most publicized donors of charity appear to remain wealthy even after the bloodletting; the poor remain poor; professional fund-raisers demand and command the highest of salaries. They have become the doyens of Jewish community life; the art of seducing the last available charitable dollar from the pockets of the Jewish public has been refined into an exact science . . . egos are flattered, guilt trips are freely given away; the holiest of holy days is conscripted to the cause; fund-raising dinners have become the staple diet of the Jewish calendar, and those courageous community leaders who have escaped being honorees are becoming a dwindling minority.

The perception of the "schnorrer factory" inevitably affects the younger generation, those at that sensitive stage when questions of morality and ethics are a serious aspect of their lives. Unfortunately, by the time the perception fades and expediency becomes the accepted principle of adult life, too many of our younger Jews are lost to the community.

Nobody or course, questions the mitzvah of 'tzdakah', the validity of the manifold purposes to which fund-raising are utilized, or the magnificent generosity of the Jewish people in helping those less fortunate than themselves. *What the enquiring observer may well ask is whether fund-raising has become such a primary feature of community life; that its very predominance is becoming counter-productive to the ends it is trying to achieve.*

Despite Fund-Raising Problems Persist

The enquiring observer may well ask, why is it that when more community money than ever before is spent on Jewish education, once considered the prime bastion against intermarriage, the rate of intermarriage continues to escalate. Why is it that when vast sums of money are spent on magnificient edifices and facilities enabling Jewish people to learn together, play together, socialize together . . . and even schvitz together, assimilation abounds?

The enquiring observer may well ask, why is it that when vast sums of money are raised and spent in promoting and glorifying the State of Israel, so few of us in the Diaspora can be persuaded to perform the ultimate mitzvah: Aliyah. Why is it that when huge sums of community money are spent on family and child welfare, the aged and the sick, divorce and separations within the Jewish community have escalated into alarming proportions, and family problems of wife-battering, husband-battering and child-battering afflict the Jewish community just as in the non-Jewish world. Was it not so long ago, when Jewish family life was placed on a pedestal and was an example to the rest of the world; when Jewish families took pride in taking care of their aged within the environment of their own homes rather than sending them to old-age homes, however luxurious they may be?

Ask any Jewish leaders in the community, whether from Europe, North America or Israel, for their opinion of the main problems confronting world Jewry, and their answer will be an almost parrot-like response: intermarriage, assimilation, cults, and concerns over Israel. I venture to suggest that the response to the same question ten years ago, twenty years ago, and thirty years ago, would have been precisely the same. Yet today, billions of fund-raising dollars later, assimilation is higher and Israel fervor is lower than ever before. Intermarriage, *Yerida*, the support of cults by Jewish youth, ignorance and apathy in the Diaspora on matters pertaining either to Judaism or Israel, are sad reflections of lost values.

Fund-Raising Cannot Stop Assimilation

With a few minor exceptions, Jewish Leadership in the Diaspora has given up the battle against assimilation. This is one problem which cannot be solved by the appointment of a fund-raiser! Jewish leadership has become impotent and ineffective against a rising tide; "better to regard assimilation as the natural evolution and consequence of a liberalized and liberated society than fight a losing battle".

In most cities with a large Jewish population, the vast majority of Jews are unaffiliated to either synagogues or other Jewish social groups. Rallies in support of Soviet Jewry, commemoration ceremonies honouring Israel's war dead, community celebrations of Yom Yerushalayim are sparsely attended, as are other special occasions where opportunities occur to express moral support for Israel and fellow-Jews. All this evidence indicates devastating apathy, yet there is a contradicting enigma: fund-raising is fantastically successful. It is apparently easier to get 1000 people to pay $250 a head for a fund-raising dinner than to get half that number of people to pay nothing for attending a rally in support of Soviet Jewry. Has it become easier in a well-off community to write a cheque than to support a worthwhile cause through one's physical presence when that physical presence may be a more appropriate means of support?

It is my submission that the main causes of assimilation, intermarriage, and lack of fervour for Israel are rooted in precisely the same places as they were ten, twenty and thirty years ago, and will still be the same in another generation . . . an unfortunate association of Judaism with material wealth. The high cost of kashrus, and ritual accessories; the social importance given to ostentatious simchas; the dominating influence of fund-raising within the community are obvious examples of equating Jewish values with wealth.

Youth Alienated by Emphasis on Fund-Raising

Just as too many of us encourage our youngsters to believe that money can buy happiness in our personal lives, so within the community is the belief that all communal problems can be solved if only you can find a good fund-raiser. Principles are diminished, values are diluted for a few extra dollars.

The synagogue, which should be the last bastion for the beleaguered Jew to find a spiritual haven, even if only for a Shabbos, against the stress and pressures of everyday life, too often finds itself subjected to a barrage of ticket-sellers and fund-raisers. The auctioning and selling of mitzvahs, the use of the pulpit on Yom Kippur to raise money for Israel Bonds ($250 minimum) are all complete turn-offs, and particularly for the younger generation.

It is true, that as we get older, we understand better the necessity and urgency of fund-raising, but unfortunately in the interim period between youthful sensitivity and maturity, we have lost another few thousand young Jews who have become disafilliated, disillusioned, disenchanted and potential candidates for intermarriage.

Perhaps the most tragic consequence of the over emphasis on fund-raising is the effect on the relationship between the Jews in the Diaspora and Israelis; not that between Jews and Israel. Too many Jews in the Diaspora believe that Israel could not survive without their charitable donations, setting up natural and inherent negativism from Israelis who certainly would not consider the writing of a cheque as an equivalent to the risks and hardships of making Aliyah.

Did Judaism Exist Before Fund-Raising?

Is fund-raising destroying Judaism? The answer of course, is that in itself it is not. In so many cases it is the very means and lifeblood of sustaining Judaism. We are blessed in the Jewish community with a number of philanthropists who not only donate substantial funds, but also apply their own professionalism, resources and experience towards the projects in which they show such interest.

The *mitzva* of tzdakah is a beautiful and noble concept; indeed our venerable sages teach us not only that we should give to charity, but the manner in which we should both give and receive. If the values which we are taught are sometimes lost in the battle for the charitable dollar, the pragmatist will argue that the end may justify the means. If the end is evaluated purely in dollar terms the pragmatist may well be right; however if we also take into consideration lost Jewish young people, then we have to face the fact that based on present trends, within a comparative few generations hence, there will be no Jewish community left to take advantage of all those wonderful monuments which the fund-raisers will have left for posterity.

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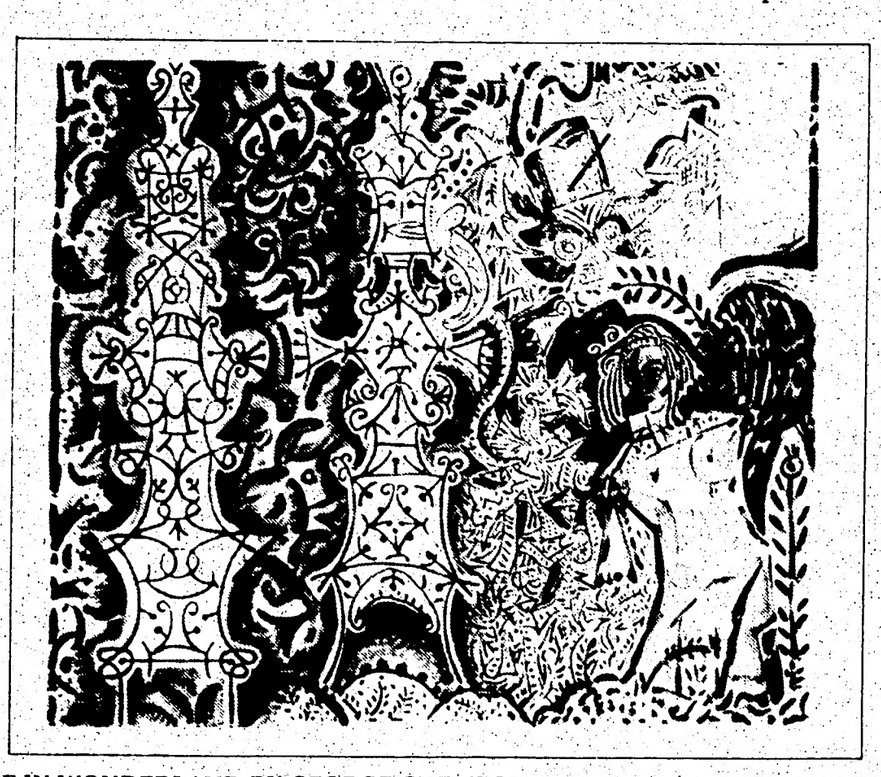

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In extremis,
our rights are
all cancelled.

Liberty of choice
is non-existent.

It's not so much
the fear of death
that gnaws away
at the living . . .

it's resentment,
(almost anger)
at being *forced*
to abdicate life

without at least
a token vote,
a family referendum

in the final,
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